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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,
AT
SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT
*Morrisburg, 4th Aug., A. L. 5893, at Palm-
erston, 11th Aug., A. L. 5893, and at
Mattawa, 2nd July, A. L. 5894,*

ALSO AT THE
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
HELD AT THE CITY OF HAMILTON,
ON THE
18th and 19th July, A. D. 1894, A. L. 5894



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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Morrisburg, on the 4th Day of August, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q. C. . . .	Grand Master.
M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C.	Past Grand Master..
R. W. Bro. John F. Graham	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. F. Cook	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. H. L. Betts	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. T. F. Chamberlain	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson	as Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason	Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. A. A. Logan	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. H. W. Bennett	as Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. D. Derbyshire	as Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. N. B. Colcock	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. W. R. Woodbridge	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. L. W. Howard	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. D. A. Macdonald	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. S. J. Bower	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. A. A. Weagant	as Asst. Grand Organist.
W. Bro. M. Brown	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. J. Quigg	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. E. A. Geiger	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. A. Urquhart	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. W. J. Fraser	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. B. Lane	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. Alex. Cameron	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. R. Reddick	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. R. H. Hanes	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. H. W. Mood	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. J. P. Boyart	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. J. Gillespie	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. N. W. White	as Grand Steward.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren from Brockville, Merrickville, Maitland, Farmersville, Prescott, Cornwall, Iroquois, Lancaster, Chesterville, Lansdowne, North Augusta, and other places.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this

special communication of Grand Lodge had been summoned for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. James' Church (Anglican), in the village of Morrisburg.

A deputation from Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, headed by W. Bro Howard, the Worshipful Master of the lodge, then presented the M. W. the Grand Master with the following

ADDRESS :

To the Honorable J. M. Gibson, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,—

The officers and members of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, G. R. C., A. F. & A. M., earnestly desire to tender you a most cordial and fraternal welcome and extend you the right hand of fellowship in this your first visit to Morrisburg in your official capacity.

It is needless to say the brethren feel highly honored by your presence in our midst and duly appreciate this visit. The zeal, energy and perseverance with which you have devoted your talents and abilities to the service of the Order have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor, and the Craft in general have not been tardy in recognizing and acknowledging those services by placing you at the head of the Craft—the highest honor they could bestow.

The masterly, dignified and impartial manner in which you have discharged the duties of your high office has met with general approbation, and the brethren of this section assure you that they heartily endorse the action of the Grand Lodge in unanimously electing you for a second term.

They desire to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the Order in the jurisdiction over which you preside since you have assumed the reins of power, as well as the harmony which prevails throughout. The hardships necessarily endured and the deprivations of time from your public avocation during your term of office must in a measure be rewarded by the high personal esteem in which you are held by all your brethren.

We would also take this occasion to welcome to our midst Most Worshipful Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Past Grand Master; Bro. Fred Cook, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. Bro. L. A. Betts, Grand Chaplain; Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary; and Bro. J. F. Graham, D. D. G. Master.

In conclusion it is the earnest prayer of Excelsior Lodge that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to long spare you to devote your wisdom and strength to the interests of our noble Order and to beautify and adorn its highest ranks.

On behalf of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, G. R. C., A. F. & A. M.

L. W. HOWARD,
Worshipful Master.

S. R. LOUCKS,
Secretary.

Morrisburg, Ont., August 4th, 1893.

The M. W. the Grand Master having replied in suitable terms, the brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers received the necessary directions, and the Grand Lodge was called off and a procession formed under the direction of V. W. Bro. N. B. Colcock, of Brockville, as Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll :

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe.

At the Village of Morrisburgh in the County of Dundas, in the Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, on the fourth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three, and in the Fifty-seventh year of the Reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe and Africa, Dominion of Canada, Australia, etc., etc., etc.

His Excellency, the EARL of ABERDEEN, being Governor-General of Canada.

The Hon. Bro. GEORGE AIREY KIRKPATRICK, being Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

The Hon. Sir JOHN THOMPSON, Premier of Canada.

The Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario.

The Hon. JOHN MORRISON GIBSON, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

R. W. Bro. W. R. WHITE, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

R. W. Bro. J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

R. W. Bro. JOHN F. GRAHAM, D. D. G. M. of St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

R. W. Bro. S. B. FELL, P. D. D. G. M. of St. Lawrence District No. 15.

R. W. Bro. BULLOCK, P. D. D. G. M. of St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

R. W. Bro. Rev. CLARE L. WORRELL, M. A., P. G. C., former Rector of St. James' Church.

Rev. GEORGE S. ANDERSON, present Rector of St. James' Church.

W. Bro. LEWIS WALLBRIDGE HOWARD, W. M. of Excelsior Lodge and People's Warden of St. James' Church.

Mr. H. H. ROSS, M. P. for County of Dundas.

Mr. J. P. WHITNEY, Q. C., M. P. P. Rector's Warden of St. James' Church.

J. H. MEIKLE, Esq., Reeve of Morrisburgh.

Rev. G. S. ANDERSON, R. W. Bro. L. W. HOWARD, Bro. J. F. MILLAR and Mr. J. P. WHITNEY, Building Committee.

Bro. C. J. GIBSON, Architect.

The Corner Stone

Of ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

was laid by M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, under the auspices of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, G. R. C., A. F. and A. M., and assisted by M. W. Bro. R. T. Wal-kem, P. G. M., R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, other Grand Lodge Officers and a large concourse of visiting brethren from the different Lodges in the 15th Masonic District, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the Order, which, may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a phial containing Canadian coins, certain newspapers and records, and the following Parish Record :

The first vestry meeting after the formation of the congregation was held on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1859, the then church building having been erected a short time before. The tower was erected in the year 1878, and the articles deposited in the corner stone of the then church building at the time of its erection were at this time deposited in the wall of the tower. Full particulars of the formation of the congregation are no doubt there.

At the time of the erection of the said then church building (or first church of St. James) the Parish of Williamsburg included this congregation, the rector being Rev. Dr. Boswell, who was succeeded by Rev. Edwin Loucks, who was succeeded by Rev. Chas. Forrest, M. A., Rural Dean, who was succeeded by Rev. Arthur Jarvis, M. A., who was succeeded by Rev. C. L. Worrell, M. A., who was succeeded by the present rector, Rev. G. S. Anderson, L. T., who was inducted in October, 1891. In the year 1886 the parish was set off from the parish of Williamsburg and became an independent and self-supporting parish.

During the early part of the present year, 1893, the vestry decided to erect a new and large church building, and on the 9th June the contract therefor was entered into with B. S. Wickshire, Isaac Johnston and Philip Fetterly for the sum of \$10,650.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the M. W. the Grand Master, by the Rector, the Rev. G. S. Anderson.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

After the ceremony the Grand Master delivered an interesting and eloquent address.

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The procession was then reformed, the Brethren returned to the lodge-room, and Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the Village of Palmerston, on the 11th Day of August, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q. C....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Hugh Hyndman.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. D. Collins.....	D. D. G. M., No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. C. Pettiford	D. D. G. M., No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John E. Harding	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Dewitt H. Martyn	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. F. C. Piper.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. A. Stewart	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. R. Johnston	as Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. G. E. Mason.....	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. A. Hobson.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. T. H. Bennetto	as Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson ..	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell.....	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. Jno. Nicoll	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. Hugh Walker.....	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. Robert Doherty.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. M. Forster	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. H. Clements.....	as Asst. Grand Organist.
W. Bro. R. Knox.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. A. S. Allan.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. T. Blackmore.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. Jas. Smith	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. J. S. Eadie	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. H. Mockler.....	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. W. H. Smith	as Grand Steward.
W. Bro. J. Heppler	as Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. J. Westgate.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren, to the number of about three hundred, hailing from Barton No. 6, St. George No. 42, Northern Light No. 93, Speed No. 180, Saugeen No. 197, Irvine No. 203, Bernard No. 225, Guelph No. 258, Blair No. 314, Waverley No. 361, and other lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 3.30 p.m. in the lodge-room of Blair Lodge, No. 314, and proceeded to the Town Hall, where Blair Lodge had assembled. A procession was then formed and the brethren proceeded in order to the site of the Palmerston Public School.

Prayer having been made by the Acting Grand Chaplain, the following scroll was read by R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Almighty
God,**

ON THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1893,

And of the era of Masonry 5893, and the fifty-seventh year of the reign of Our Gracious Majesty,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies, whom may God preserve.

His Excellency the Right Hon. the EARL OF DERBY, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

Lieut.-General ALEXANDER GEORGE MOORE MONTGOMERY being Administrator in the absence of the Governor-General.

Lieut.-Col. the Hon. GEORGE AIRY KIRKPATRICK, being Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. Sir JOHN THOMPSON, being Minister of Justice and Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. JOHN MORISON GIBSON, Q.C., M.P.P., being the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario of A. F. & A. M.

The Corner Stone

Of the PALMERSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

was laid by the Grand Master, assisted by the Officers of the Grand Lodge and Special Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada in Ontario, and attended by a large number of the Craft and in the presence of a large concourse of people.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

H. Hyndman, chairman; R. Johnston, T. Best, J. Waldon, A. Hunt and E. K. Scott; D. Clapp, inspector; R. Shields, secretary.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

R. Johnston, Esq., mayor; John Kearns, reeve; T. Best, J. B. Bettschen, V. Wells, E. K. Scott, James Hay, J. H. Anderson, A. Borthwick, S. Gourley and Wm. McLean councilors; S. Caswell, clerk; J. Standish, treasurer; Wm. Lang, assessor; F. Kee, collector.

CLERGY OF THE TOWN.

Rev. J. M. Aull, Presbyterian; Rev. F. E. Nugent, Methodist; Rev. F. C. Piper, St. Paul's Church; Rev. J. R. Webb, Baptist.

MEDICAL MEN.

Alex. Stewart, M.D.; John Standish, M.D.; M. Forster, M.D.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

D. Forsyth, principal; Miss Lottie E. Thompson, Miss E. L. Robinson, Master Fred Forster, Miss G. Terhune, Miss Maggie Roadhouse.

School Children—The number on the roll as per last report was 612.

Architect—H. J. Powell, Stratford.

Contractor—M. Woolridge, Palmerston.

The building will be heated and ventilated with the latest improved Smead-Dowd System, and when completed will cost about \$12,000.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a phial containing coins, newspapers and other records.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to the M. W. the Grand Master, by the Chairman of the Public School Board.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

After the ceremony the Grand Master delivered an interesting address.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren returned to the lodge-room, and Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Mattawa, in the sixteenth Masonic District, on Monday, the 2nd Day of July, A.D. 1894. A.L. 5894.

PRESENT :

W. Bro. John de Sousa.....	as Grand Master.
W. Bro. John McCracken.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. Wm. Hogarth	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. John Mackay	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. E. McConnell.....	as Grand Chaplain.
Bro. G. Harwood	as Grand Treasurer.
Bro. A. N. Grasswell.....	as Grand Secretary.
Bro. A. F. Hindman	as Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. H. L. Grasswell.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. D. A. Dunlop	as Grand Supt. of Works.
Bro. C. W. Haentschel	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. R. G. Plaw	as Grand Steward.
Bro. A. Lawrence.....	as Grand Steward.
Bro. J. R. Robinson.....	as Grand Steward.
Bro. R. Le Heup.....	as Grand Steward.
Bro. I. S. Hogarth	as Grand Steward.
Bro. C. F. Tucker.....	as Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Form at 11 o'clock a.m., in the Masonic Hall, by W. Bro. John de Sousa, acting for the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been summoned for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church, about to be erected at Pottawa Creek, and stated that he had received a telegram from R. W. Bro. W. R. White, Deputy Grand Master, who had been appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master to perform the ceremony, informing him that he had been suddenly called to Montreal on important business and was unable to be present, and deputed either R. W. Bro. R. A. Klock or W. Bro. John de Sousa to act in his stead.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and proceeded to Pottawa Creek, a distance of eight miles from Mattawa. Having arrived within a proper distance, the brethren formed in procession headed by the Mattawa brass band,

and marched to the site of the building. On arrival at the platform the following ode was sung by the brethren :

Genius of Masonry ! descend,
And with Thee bring thy spotless train ;
Do at our sacred rites attend,
Whilst we adore thy peaceful reign,
etc.. etc.

After the singing of the ode, the Rev. P. Jourdan delivered an address of welcome, which was replied to by W. Bro. John McCracken, acting Deputy Grand Master, alluding to the fact that on no previous occasion had a corner stone been laid by the Order, in the District of Nipissing, and he congratulated those concerned in being the first to enjoy that distinction, after which the acting Grand Chaplain offered an invocation. The acting Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. D. A. Dunlop, was called upon to read the following scroll, which was deposited in the cavity of the stone :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe,**

ON THE 2ND DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1894, A. L. 5894,

In the fifty-eighth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia,
Dominion of Canada, etc.

The Right Hon. EARL OF ABERDEEN, F. C., LL.D., being
Governor-General of Canada.

The Right Hon. GEORGE AIRY KIRKPATRICK, being Lieut.
Governor of the Province of Ontario.

Sir JOHN S. D. THOMPSON, being Premier of the Dominion of
Canada.

Sir OLIVER MOWAT, being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Rev. S. B. HYCKMAN, M. A., D. D., being President of the Montreal
Conference.

Rev. T. A. JOURDAN, being Superintendent of Circuit.

M. W. Bro. JOHN M. GIBSON, Q. C., being Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. R. W. STEPHEN, being D. D. G. M. of the Sixteenth
Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

Of the METHODIST CHURCH, Pottawa Creek,

was laid by W. Bro. John de Sousa, Acting Grand Master, assisted
by the Acting Grand Officers, and in presence of a large
concourse of brethren and citizens of the
District of Nipissing.

TRUSTEES.

Abraham Sparks, Charles Johnson, E. R. Hughes, W. Condie,
Samuel Johnson and Wm. Curran.

The Acting Grand Treasurer, Bro. G. Harwood, then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a phial containing the coins of Canada, sundry newspapers and other public records.

The Acting Grand Lodge Officers applied the implements of their offices to the stone after it had been swung into position, whereupon they pronounced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it

WELL AND TRULY LAID.

After the Grand Honors had been given and the impressive ceremony concluded, the Acting Grand Master delivered an address, illustrating the principles and aims of Freemasonry.

The procession was then re-formed and returned to the Masonic Hall, where Grand Lodge was duly closed IN FORM.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Hamilton, commencing on Wednesday, the 18th day of July, A.D. 1894, A.L. 5894.

PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. The Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q. C., on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C.

R. W. Bro. L. Secord, M. D.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Fred Cook.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. L. A. Betts.....	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig.....	Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. E. C. Roper.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. W. G. S. Reynolds.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. John Jones.....	Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. W. Watt, Jr.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. David Aitchison.....	Assistant Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. A. M. Clark.....	Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. A. W. Porte.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. E. W. Gardner.....	Grand Organist.
W. Bro. Wm. Birrell.....	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. John Shaw.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. C. Senior.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Robert Scott.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. O. T. Bridle.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Samuel Henry.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. E. J. Voss.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John H. Dickinson.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. L. A. Congdon.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. W. W. Summers.....	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Von Gunten..	Chatham.....	Erie District, No. 1
R. W. Bro. Frederick Goodier..	Watford.....	St. Clair " 2
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R. W. Bro. Wm. Dawson.....	Sylvan.....	South Huron " 4
R. W. Bro. D. Collins.....	Kincardine...	North " 5
R. W. Bro. A. McCurdy, M. D.	Norwich.....	Wilson " 6
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R. W. Bro. F. C. Heath, M. D..	Brantford....	Hamilton " 8
R. W. Bro. W. B. Sanders.....	Stayner.....	Georgian " 9

R. W. Bro. James Noble.....	Jarvis.....	Niagara Dist., No. 10	
R. W. Bro. George Tait.....	Toronto.....	Toronto	" 11
R. W. Bro. S. H. Armour.....	Lindsay.....	Ontario	" 12
R. W. Bro. W. Webster.....	Belleville.....	Prince Ed.	" 13
R. W. Bro. John F. Graham....	Prescott.....	St. Lawrence	" 15
R. W. Bro. R. W. Stephen.....	Ottawa.....	Ottawa	" 16
R. W. Bro. Richard McNabb....	Ft. William....	Algoma	" 17
R. W. Bro. W. H. Burgess.....	North Bay...	Nipissing	" 18

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.....	England and New York.
R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully.....	Ireland.
R. W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay.....	Scotland.
R. W. Bro. John Creasor, Q. C.....	British Columbia.
V. W. Bro. R. McKnight.....	Prince Edward Island.
R. W. Bro. R. Hendry.....	Arizona.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler.....	Arkansas.
V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson, M. D.....	California.
R. W. Bro. F. J. Menet.....	Colorado.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Connecticut, Minnesota and Brazil.
M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson.....	District of Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....	Florida.
R. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q. C.....	Georgia.
R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis.....	Illinois.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid.....	Kansas.
M. W. Bro. D. Spry.....	Kentucky and Greece.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt.....	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Murton.....	Maine.
R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford.....	Michigan.
M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson.....	Montana.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar.....	North Dakota.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan.....	New Hampshire.
R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown.....	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	New York.
R. W. Bro. David Taylor.....	Oregon.
R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb.....	South Carolina.
R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	South Dakota.
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Before the opening of Grand Lodge, Bro. A. D. Stewart, Mayor of Hamilton, and a deputation from the City Council were announced, introduced, and presented an address of welcome.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 11.30 o'clock a.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. upon the proceedings.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was announced, introduced, and welcomed with Grand Honors.

A deputation of Masters from the Hamilton Lodges, accompanied by R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, P. D. D. G. M., were announced, introduced, and presented the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME :

To the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q.C., M.P.P., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—On behalf of the brethren in Hamilton we extend to you, to the other officers, and to the members of Grand Lodge, our hearty and fraternal greeting and warmest welcome on the occasion of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. We hope and trust that the brethren will enjoy a pleasant and profitable stay in our fair city, of which we feel justly proud on account of its general prosperity and pleasant surroundings, and that their recollections of this meeting will be such as to secure for Hamilton brethren at no distant date a recurrence of the pleasure of entertaining their brethren throughout this jurisdiction.

It would be our duty, and also our pleasure, to welcome any brother fitly wearing the high dignity with which Grand Lodge has honoured you, Most Worshipful Sir, yet we cannot but entertain additional pride and gratification in receiving as Grand Master a brother who is a member of our own Masonic family, and with whom we have for many years been so closely associated in Masonic work.

We congratulate you upon the fact that your administration of the onerous and important duties falling upon you has been marked by prudence, ability and zeal; so that under your guiding hand the Brethren have enjoyed peace, the Craft has prospered, and our Order has had and has deserved the goodwill of all good men. To have the approval of their own consciences for doing justice and loving mercy is the highest earthly reward mortals can enjoy; next to that is the approval of just and upright men among whom they live. It is your happy fortune to know that your official service has been crowned by the approbation of your brethren throughout the jurisdiction, and has reflected general credit upon the Grand Lodge of Canada, while prosperity has rested upon Masonry in Ontario.

We heartily trust that the Communication of Grand Lodge

now opened may be attended by harmony, and that the good of the Order may result from its deliberations; and we humbly and fervently pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may endue the members of Grand Lodge with a spirit of wisdom while they consult together, and that His peace may abide with them all.

Signed on behalf of the brethren of Hamilton,

JOHN HOODLESS,

Chairman of Entertainment Committee.

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W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 40.

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W. M. Acacia Lodge, No. 61.

THOMAS PEDLER,

W. M. Temple Lodge, No. 324.

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W. M. Doric Lodge, No. 382.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

Letters regretting their unavoidable absence were read from M. W. Bros. R. T. Walkem and J. K. Kerr and R. W. Bro. C. R. Church.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. R. B. Hungerford and William Roaf, and W. Bro. T. Clappison, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present :

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Niagara, Niagara.

W. Bros. J. G. Rousseau, W. M.; T. F. Best, P. M.

No. 3.

The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.

R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, W. M.; W. Bros. E. H. Smythe and W. H. Macnee, P. M's.

No. 5.

Sussex, Brockville.

W. Bros. L. de Carle, W. M.; A. Urquhart and C. Rose, P. M's.

No. 6.

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- No. 10. Norfolk, Simcoe.*
W. Bro. Frank Reid, W. M.; R. W. Bros. E. G. Wells and J. C. Boyd and W. Bro. G. H. Luscombe, P. M's.
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- No. 21a. St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
W. Bro. S. N. Morrison, W. M.; E. A. Johnson, P. M.
- No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.*
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- No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
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R. W. Bro. H. F. Jell, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 412. *Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.*
V. W. Bro. D. Bole, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst and W. Bros. C. F. Farwell and W. J. Bradley, P. M's.
- No. 413. *Naphtali, Tilbury Centre.*
W. Bros. J. W. Richardson, P. M., Proxy; J. R. Palmer, P. M.
- No. 414. *Pequonga, Rat Portage.*
M. W. Bro. D. Spry, Proxy.
- No. 415. *Fort William, Fort William.*
R. W. Bro. R. McNabb, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 416. *Lyn, Lyn.*
R. W. Bro. C. W. Bullock, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 417. *Kewatin, Kewatin Mills.*
R. W. Bro. R. McNabb, Proxy.
- No. 418. *Maxville, Maxville.*
V. W. Bro. S. Henry, P. M., Proxy.

- No. 419. *Bismarck, Point Edward.*
W. Bro. B. F. George W. M.
- No. 420. *Nipissing, North Bay.*
W. Bro. John T. Lovell, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Burgess,
P. M.
- No. 421. *Scott, Grand Valley.*
W. Bros. Thomas Moss, W. M.; R. R. Hopkins and G. H.
Cooper, P. M's.
- No. 422. *Star of the East, Bothwell.*
W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, S. W.
- No. 423. *Strong, Sundridge.*
R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, Proxy.
- No. 424. *Doric, Pickering.*
Bro. R. M. Bateman, S. W.
- No. 425. *St. Clair, Port Lambton.*
W. Bro. W. J. Ward, Proxy.
- No. 426. *Stanley, Toronto Junction.*
W. Bro. H. C. Fowler, W. M.; Bro. C. H. Batt, S. W.; W.
Bro. Jas. Bond, P. M.
- No. 427. *Nickel, Sudbury.*
W. Bro. James A. Orr, W. M.
- No. 430. *Acacia, East Toronto.*
W. Bro. M. P. McMaster, W. M.; Bros. John Richardson,
S. W., W. R. Walters, J. W.
- No. 431. *Moravian, Eden Grove.*
W. Bro. Thos. Pinkerton, W. M.
- No. 432. *Hanover, Hanover.*
Bro. R. Sypher, S. W.; W. Bro. G. Landerkin, P. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master, granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-Eighth Annual Communication, held at the City of Ottawa, on the 19th and 20th days of July, A. D. 1893, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in Grand Communication:—

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

I welcome you to our thirty-ninth Annual Communication. In looking back over the records of the past year, there does not appear to me any necessity for troubling you with a long

address, and I shall endeavor to cultivate brevity. This may easily be done in view of the fact that the Minutes of the Special Communications held during the year, which have already been read, and the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, which will immediately be submitted to you, furnish a fairly complete record of the year's work, and though some references on my part to special occasions or matters of more than mere routine importance may be expected, these need not be tediously long. There have been no burning questions to become excited over; our domestic and foreign relationships have been peaceful and harmonious; our business affairs have been prospering; and while in no particular respect have we been, so to speak, setting the world on fire, in all respects we have abundant reason for satisfaction and thankfulness.

CORNER STONES.

On the 4th day of August last, Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of laying, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of St. James' Church (Anglican) at Morrisburg. The event was marked by a very enjoyable social meeting in the Town Hall in the evening, at which speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered by prominent and representative Masons and others.

The special Communication at Palmerston on 11th August last, in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the new public school, was extremely well attended by the brethren from the surrounding district, and the preparations made by the Palmerston brethren were most elaborate and complete. My reception in Blair Lodge and in the evening in the Town Hall by the good people of Palmerston was most hearty and cordial.

Another special Communication was held at Mattawa on 2nd July, instant, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new Methodist Church at Pottawa Creek. R. W. Brother W. R. White, D. G. M., had consented to preside and perform the ceremony, but almost at the last moment he was summoned to Montreal on important business, and by his instruction W. Bro. John De Sousa, of Mattawa, undertook the duty.

DEDICATIONS.

On the 18th December last, in company with the Grand Secretary, I proceeded to East Toronto, where a special Communication of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of dedicating the new lodge room of Acacia Lodge, No. 430. We were met by a goodly number of brethren from the Toronto Lodges, and after conducting the ceremonial were

very hospitably entertained by the Lodge. There is every indication of a successful career for Acacia Lodge.

On the 28th May last, a special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Stratford for the purpose of dedicating the new lodge room and apartments. The attendance of Stratford brethren and visitors from surrounding districts was very large and the occasion was in every way one which did infinite credit to the fraternity of Stratford. Perhaps it is not going too far to say that no lodge room in the jurisdiction is more appropriately designed, more tastefully decorated or more completely appointed. The banquet which followed the ceremony was very numerously attended and it has seldom been my lot to take part in a more pleasurable and interesting programme of music and speeches. The brethren of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144 and Stratford Lodge, No. 332, are evidently live and zealous craftsmen.

I had the pleasure of presiding at a special Communication at Milton, on 18th January last, when the new Lodge Room of St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, was dedicated, and when I received the same generous reception that has been accorded to me there on former occasions.

It was not my good fortune to have the privilege of taking part in conducting the ceremony of dedicating four other new Lodge rooms, as I would gladly have done, had my other engagements permitted. These were as follows:

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, at Port Elgin, on 6th December, 1893, R. W. Bro. D. Collins, D. D. G. M., officiating.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, at Hespeler, on 20th December, 1893, M. W. Brother Hugh Murray, P. G. M., officiating.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, at Eden Grove, on January 4th, 1894, R. W. Bro. D. Collins, D. D. G. M., officiating, and

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, at Port Perry, on 30th May, 1894, R. W. Bro. S. H. Armour, D. D. G. M., officiating.

It is gratifying to observe the continuance of a disposition on the part of our Lodges to secure more attractive and comfortable rooms.

VISITATIONS.

My visit to Zetland Lodge, No. 326, on 20th September last, was an occasion to be remembered. The Lodge room in Toronto street was crowded beyond its comfortable capacity, and the Third Degree was conferred in a most exemplary and impressive manner, W. Bro. Vigeon in the chair. The banquet which followed in the pavilion was a Masonic event of Provincial importance. Grand Lodge officers and eminent brethren from various parts of the jurisdiction were

present, and the festivities were quite in keeping with the enterprising spirit of the brethren of Zetland Lodge. I am proud of the distinction which was conferred on me when I was made an honorary member of that Lodge.

In response to repeated invitations, I visited the London brethren on 6th February last, and was received by an immensely large gathering of the fraternity. A flattering address was presented and every courtesy and attention paid me which the extreme of thoughtfulness could suggest. After the conclusion of the proceedings in the Lodge room a very enjoyable concert and ball were participated in by the brethren and their lady friends.

While refraining from mentioning in detail my other official visits, it is pardonable to allude to the special receptions accorded me during the year by my mother Lodge, Strict Observance, No. 27, of which I am a Past Master, and Temple Lodge, No. 324, of which I was Worshipful Master for the first two years of its existence.

MASONIC CONGRESS.

Pursuant to the resolution adopted a year ago, authorizing the representation of this Grand Lodge at the Fraternal Congress of Masons to be held at Chicago, I deemed it my duty so to regulate my engagements that I might be able to attend on this important occasion, and was fortunate enough to be accompanied by Past Grand Master Kerr, who very ably assisted in the representation of this jurisdiction. R. W. Bro. Jas. McLaughlan, P. G. S. W., and V. W. Bro. R. McKnight, of Owen Sound, who were present at Chicago at the time, were also accredited by me as representatives and attended the meetings.

The Congress assembled on the 14th August, in the Con-sistory rooms of the Scottish Rite, on the eighteenth floor of the great Masonic Temple. Thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions were represented. M. W. Bro. Monroe C. Crawford, Grand Master of Illinois, was by acclamation elected President of the Congress, and presided over its deliberations with marked ability, while your Grand Master was honored by unanimous election as one of the Vice-Presidents. Committees on rules and programme of subjects for discussion were appointed, and the proceedings of the Congress lasted over four days.

Carefully prepared papers on matters of Masonic interest and importance were read, and the subjects thereof, under the guidance of the Programme Committee discussed, and conclusions formulated.

The following are the conclusions as adopted :

1. *Grand Lodge Sovereignty.* The conclusion of the Congress is that a Grand Lodge duly organized in a state or other autonomous territory is rightfully possessed of absolute Masonic sovereignty therein.

2. *A Plea for Improved Proceedings.* The conclusion of the Congress is that the formation of Masonic libraries should be encouraged and fostered, and inasmuch as the published proceedings of our Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies do and ever will constitute the larger part of such libraries, greater care and more pains should be bestowed upon the preparation and publication of such proceedings, to the end that they may have greater value in every Masonic collection, and that there should be a freer and more generous distribution of proceedings among the brethren, to the end that Masonic light may be more generally diffused.

3. *Grand Representatives.* It is the conclusion of the Congress that under the changed condition of selecting Grand Representatives too little time has elapsed to give opportunity for definite judgement as to the usefulness of the system, and it should therefore, be continued.

4. *The Prerogatives of Grand Master.* It is the conclusion of the Congress that the dispensing power recognized by the old Regulations as residing in the person and office of Grand Master, has been so generally exercised by that officer from the organization of Masonry on the Grand Lodge system down to the present time that its existence cannot successfully be denied, but that there are no dispensing powers so residing that may not be limited or wholly denied by the Grand Lodge, save such as inhere in that office under the sanctions of the Ancient Landmarks.

5. *The Ancient Landmarks.* The conclusion of the Congress is, that the Ancient Landmarks are those fundamental principles which characterize Masonry as defined by the charges of a Freemason, and without which the institution cannot be identified as Masonry, combined with the essentials of the unwritten language by which brethren distinguish each other as Masons

6. *The Creed of a Mason.* An unequivocal belief and trust in God is the fundamental principle upon which the institution of Freemasonry was founded and must forever rest.

7. *Appeals for Aid.* The conclusion of the Congress is, that worthy Masons are entitled to relief from brethren and lodges wheresoever they may be found in need of relief, and that the brethren of lodges granting such aid are not entitled to demand reimbursement from the lodges in which they hold their membership but when a member of one lodge is relieved by another, and the financial situation of his lodge is such as to permit, common courtesy and duty alike demand that it should reimburse a poorer lodge relieving its members. Written or printed appeals for aid which do not secure the endorsement of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction from which they emanate should be discountenanced.

8. *Non-Affiliates.* The conclusion of the Congress is, that every Mason ought to be a member of some regular lodge, attend its meetings and share its burdens.

9. *Physical Qualification.* It is the conclusion of the Congress that absolute competency to conform literally to all the requirements of the ceremonies of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry fulfils the requirements of physical perfection in a candidate.

10. *Inspection of Lodge Charters.* It is the conclusion of the Congress that a visitor to a lodge has no right to demand an inspection of the Lodge Charter.

The foregoing conclusions have, of course, no binding effect upon the jurisdictions represented, but are simply the opinions of the Congress as formulated on the subjects discussed.

Probably, however, there will be found but little, if any, conflict between these conclusions and the laws on the subjects to which they refer in the various jurisdictions represented. Indeed the want of sufficient time for ample discussion necessitated the framing of some of these deliverances in such general and non-committal terms as to forbid opposition. It cannot, therefore, be said that the results of the Congress are of much importance to the Masonic world; but those who had the privilege of being present will long retain pleasurable recollections of debates which were participated in by some of Masonic master minds of this continent, and which were marked by characteristic ability.

The Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Illinois—P. G. M's. Cregier and Smith, being the leading spirits—were very successful in the entertainment of the visiting delegates. The reception was most cordial and hearty, and the arrangements could not have been more happily planned. Whatever may be said as to the value to Masonry of the deliberations of the Congress, none of those who were privileged to attend will ever confess anything like disappointment, for apart from any other consideration, the opportunity of forming acquaintance and enjoying social intercourse with Grand Lodge representatives from nearly all parts of the Union—many of them men of prominence in their communities, and almost all Masons of eminence, who as writers or otherwise, have been regarded as authorities—was a privilege which is seldom afforded, and the enjoyment of which is not likely soon to be forgotten.

BY-LAWS.

It will be observed by reference to the Grand Secretary's report, that a very considerable number of lodge by-laws and amendments of by-laws were submitted to me during the year for approval. Attention was called by me last year, as had been frequently done by my predecessors, to want of due formality in the submission of by-laws, but there has been no noticeable improvement. Probably there never will be.

DECISIONS.

Again I refrain from submitting to Grand Lodge any of my rulings during the past year. It does not occur to me that any of them have been of sufficient importance to go on record. In the majority of cases the points referred to me could and might have been disposed of by the District Deputy Grand Masters. In a few instances masterly inactivity has been

deliberately practised by me, as the best remedy for difficulties in which my intervention was sought. A little time for reflection given to brethren who appear to be "spoiling for a fight" over practically nothing, instead of promptly coming down with an abrupt decision in favor of one and to the entire discomfiture of the other will not infrequently result in the passing entirely away of necessity for any deliverance. While therefore I shall not be on record as having contributed very freely to the jurisprudence of this Grand Lodge, fewer opportunities will have been afforded by me for adverse criticism, or for the overruling of dicta or decisions for which I have been responsible.

DISPENSATION.

On the 20th day of March last, a dispensation was issued for a new lodge at Hanover, to be known as Hanover Lodge. The petition was endorsed by Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, of Walkerton, and recommended by the D. D. G. M., and it seemed tolerably clear to me that the best interests of the craft would be served by granting the prayer of the petition.

This conclusion was arrived at all the more readily from the fact that the new lodge will simply occupy territory formerly covered by a lodge of the same name at the same place, whose warrant was surrendered on 21st September, 1886.

The application for a new warrant for this lodge I commend to your careful consideration.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following representatives of this Grand Lodge in other jurisdictions have been appointed during the year:

R. W. Bro. Rev. I. F. Stidham, of New Britain, near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in place of R. W. Bro. Wm. Knox, deceased.

R. W. Bro. Ramon Marti Boada, of Havana, near the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, in place of our former representative who has left the jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. Silas B. Wright, of De Land, near the Grand Lodge of Florida, in place of R. W. Bro. D. C. Dawkins, deceased.

R. W. Bro. Robt. Harmon Cage, of New Iberia, near Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in place of R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, deceased.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Henry Cooper, of Auckland, near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand (first appointment).

R. W. Bro. H. M. Addison, of Adelaide, near the Grand Lodge of South Australia (first appointment).

R. W. Bro. John R. Bellinger, of Greenville, near the Grand

Lodge of South Carolina, in place of R. W. Bro. A Doty, deceased.

The following have been accredited as representatives near this Grand Lodge of other Grand jurisdictions :

R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, of Kingston, for the Grand Lodge of Hungary (first appointment).

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungertford, of London, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan, re-appointed for a further term of three years.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Patterson, of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of Nevada, re-appointed for a further term of three years.

R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell, of Listowel, for the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, in place of R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray, resigned.

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, for the Grand Lodge of New York, in place of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, resigned.

R. W. Bro. L. Secord, M. D., of Brantford, for the Grand Lodge of New Zealand (first appointment).

R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, of Pembroke, for the Grand Lodge of South Australia (first appointment.)

V. W. Bro. R. McKnight, of Owen Sound, for the Grand Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, in place of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, resigned.

THE GENERAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

This Association, with which Grand Lodge is affiliated, continues to do excellent work. It records show that by keeping the search light ever on the tramp and impostor, a large amount of money is saved to the craft. The Grand Lodge of New York has also recognized the importance of the work of the General Association, and become affiliated thereto. The prosperity of the Association has led to a reduction of the subscription, so that for about 30 cents per lodge, all lodges in this jurisdiction are supplied with warning circulars monthly. The Grand Masters of 17 Grand Lodges affiliated with the Association write in the highest terms of its work.

UNIFORM RULES AS TO JURISDICTION OVER CANDIDATES.

A perplexing conflict of laws exists between Grand Lodges on this continent, with reference to the continuance of jurisdiction over rejected candidates who have removed from the territory of one Grand Lodge to, and become residents within, the territory of another. By some Grand Lodges the doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction" is maintained, it being contended that a rejected candidate in one jurisdiction should not be allowed to obtain the degrees within another jurisdiction with-

out the consent of the Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction he was rejected. In the majority of Grand Lodges a residence of one year is required before a candidate may present his petition, and, possessing the qualifications described for a candidate, it is not necessary to obtain the consent of, or even to consult, the jurisdiction in which he may previously have been a resident. Other Grand Lodges cling to the theory that a candidate, having once been rejected by one of their subordinate lodges, may never afterwards be admitted without their approval, and go the length of interdicting the unfortunate brother from admission to any of their lodges, should he at any time return to the jurisdiction in which he was rejected. Like a good many other questions, there is something to be urged from both points of view. On general principles of international law, each jurisdiction has undoubtedly absolute control of its own laws, unaffected in any way by any extra-territorial application of the laws of other jurisdictions. But, on the other hand, each jurisdiction may, within its own limits, withhold recognition from Masons who have been made Masons in direct opposition to its own laws. Cases may easily be imagined where the working up of the rejected material of one jurisdiction by a neighboring jurisdiction is calculated to cause much heartburning and dissatisfaction. It is therefore a matter of general interest and importance that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi has undertaken the responsibility of initiating a movement having in view the adoption of uniform rules as to jurisdiction over candidates. At the annual communication of that Grand Lodge in February last, the following resolutions and proposed rules on this subject, as prepared by Past Grand Master Speed, were adopted and submitted for the consideration and action of the several Grand Lodges :

“Whereas, it is desirable that there should be uniform rules adopted by all Grand Lodges, relating to the jurisdiction of Lodges over candidates rejected for initiation, and Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts applying for advancement, whose place of residence, after petitioning for initiation, is permanently removed outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over the Lodges to which they have petitioned, or by which they were initiated, therefore be it

“Resolved, that the two rules following be proposed to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in correspondence, for adoption, to become the uniform rules relating to jurisdiction over rejected candidates for initiation, and candidates applying for advancement, who have permanently removed beyond the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge into that of another Grand Lodge; and be it further

“Resolved, that said proposed Rules be and the same are hereby

adopted by this Grand Lodge, to take effect from and after their adoption by any other Grand Lodge, as between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge, or Grand Lodges, adopting the same; provided that the laws, rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge as they now stand shall remain in full force and effect as between this Grand Lodge and all other Grand Lodges which shall not become parties to the same, by adopting said Rules, to wit :

"Jurisdiction over persons rejected for initiation.

"RULE I.—Whenever any person who shall have been rejected for initiation in any Lodge shall have removed his place of abode into the jurisdiction of another Lodge, within the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, with the intention of making it his permanent place of residence, and shall have resided there not less than one year, and shall again desire to petition for initiation, he may present his petition to the Lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides, or to any Lodge which has concurrent jurisdiction over that place, which shall thereupon certify the facts to the Lodge which rejected him, and if said Lodge shall not, within six months thereafter, furnish to the Lodge to which said petition is made the grounds upon which such rejection was made, it may proceed with such petition as in other cases, and that Lodge may initiate him if elected. Whenever the grounds upon which the petitioner was rejected are furnished to the Lodge to which he makes his petition, it shall judge of the sufficiency thereof, and proceed in its discretion."

*"Jurisdiction over Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts
Petitioning for Advancement.*

"RULE II.—Whenever an Entered Apprentice, or Fellow Craft, of a Lodge in this jurisdiction shall permanently change his place of abode, into the jurisdiction of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, and shall have resided there not less than one year, and shall desire to be passed, or raised, he may apply to the Lodge under whose jurisdiction he lives, or to any Lodge having concurrent jurisdiction thereover, and if it shall signify its willingness to receive him, and so certify the fact to the Lodge which initiated, or passed him, it shall thereupon strike his name from its roll of Apprentices, or Fellow Crafts, as the case may be, and all jurisdiction over him shall cease; provided, that if the Lodge to which he applies shall reject his petition for advancement, that the jurisdiction of the Lodge which initiated, or passed, him shall *ipso facto* be resumed, and his name shall again be entered upon its roll, with a note of the fact; and provided, further, that nothing in this, or the preceding Rule, shall prevent a Lodge from initiating, passing or raising a person as the proxy of another Lodge; in which event the person so initiated, passed or raised, shall become a member of the Lodge for which it acts if that would be the effect of being raised in the Lodge for which the degree is conferred, under the laws of its Grand Lodge."

These resolutions and suggested Rules are submitted to you for that careful and mature consideration which the importance of this subject demands.

LODGE WORK.

That there has been a marked general improvement in our ritualistic work cannot be disputed, and it is a matter for sincere congratulation. The revision of the ritual two years

ago, under the authority of Grand Lodge has been attended with most satisfactory results. Nothing is more deplorable than at exemplification, the chief effect of which is to direct the attention of the listening candidate to the shortcomings and inefficiency of the presiding Master. The marked solemnity of the surroundings is lost ; the disposition to follow and appreciate most beautiful passages calculated to effect serious impressions of life-long duration gives way to mingled feelings of curiosity and sympathy for the brother who has forgotten his part, or perhaps never knew it ; and about all that the candidate takes away with him is the information that he has received a degree. Correct and intelligent rendition of the ritual is very important, and, as a rule, has much to do with the general success of a lodge. It has been my aim, however, to impress upon the craft wherever I have visited that there is some danger of our regarding well worked lodges, with a continual inflow of candidates and amply provided treasuries, as the chief object of Masonic ambition. Indeed, it has sometimes appeared to me that in the press of routine and degree conferring work, some lodges—notably some of our best city lodges—from one year's end to another lose those opportunities for Masonic intercourse and the cultivation of closer individual fraternal relationship among the members, which are so desirable and should always be improved. It has been my aim to urge that something more should be done within the lodge rooms than mere transaction of business and conferring of degrees. Masonry is a sham and means nothing if it is confined to the lodge room, if it fails to permeate our conduct and actions throughout life, or if it fails in some cases to restrain, and in other cases to prompt us in the course we are about to pursue in any direction. Perplexing questions of duty arise when business interests conflict with the charitable consideration due from one Mason to another, or when one's instinctive Masonic partiality is combatted by notions of what on other grounds may be right or wrong. Such difficulties might, in my opinion, be more frequently the subject of informal and fraternal counselling together in the lodge room, with the advantages of safer conclusions in the specific cases and educative influences upon the brethren generally. The ideal of a Freemason is difficult of attainment. We are human and humanity is very weak and imperfect. But we are not good Masons if we do not strive to the best of our ability to exemplify our professions by the practical record we from day to day are making. We are prone to boast of the antiquity of our order, to descant in grandiloquent terms upon its stability and world-wide diffusion, and, with pardonable pride, to grow

eloquent in referring to its lofty aims and the everlasting principles on which it is founded. But the practical and important question for each of us is whether, by reason of being masons, we are better men than we would have been if we had not been masons. We teach our children to lisp the words :—

“ Little deeds of kindness, little words of Love,
Make our earth an Eden, like the heaven above.”

But there is no period of life where these simple nursery lines are not applicable. We may not be great philanthropists or public benefactors, but the little words and the little deeds are always at our command. As a fraternity we should not be content with lodge work or lodge enterprises of charity. Individual effort to act the part of the true Mason, however feeble and unostentatious, if general, will in its aggregate force and effect become potential and momentous. Let each mason within this jurisdiction resolve for the future that in some way or other he shall, no matter how modestly, do *something more* than ever before in the effort to live up to the high standard we place before us. Then, as the little drops of water make the mighty ocean and the little grains of sand form the beautiful land, so shall our efforts as Masons, individually weak and insignificant though they may appear to be, by their very generality become a volume of mighty influence justifying our existence as a fraternity, with its lofty aims and sublime aspirations, challenging the admiration of the non-masonic world and helping on the cause of humanity.

CLOSING REMARKS.

Brethren, I am about to place the gavel in the hands of my successor, and I shall do so with mingled feelings of satisfaction and regret. It would not be possible for any Ruler in the Craft to receive a larger measure of loyal support on all hands or to experience more genuine or uniform kindness and courtesy in every direction than have been my happy lot, and frequently I have been vain enough to believe that strong expressions of confidence and fraternal regard were intended for personal appropriation by me and not entirely as compliments paid to my official position. However that may be, my enjoyment of the work has been thoroughly genuine. My regret is that more time could not have been devoted by me to visitations, but other duties and responsibilities stood in the way. Routine work and business which imperatively called for attention have been disposed of with promptitude, but as time has passed by possibilities of usefulness have been presented to me and perforce reluctantly allowed to disappear. The

privilege of becoming your Grand Master is the greatest honor of a life-time. For all the generous consideration that has been shown to me, my heart is full of gratitude which I am not able adequately to express. But while, as I pass from the Chair and my name becomes enrolled among those of your honored Past Grand Masters, the mark of distinction you have conferred on me remains for all time, rest assured brethren, my appreciation of your kindness shall never grow less.

J. M. GIBSON,

Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. C. Spry, and

Resolved—That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

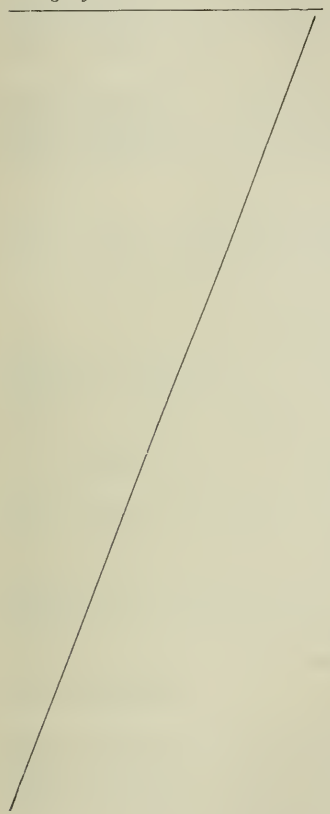
I beg to present to Grand Lodge my Annual Report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and the expenditures made, with return of subordinate lodges as at June 24, 1894, and ledger balance to May 31, 1894, together with, by the instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of the Especial Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed, and other official acts of the M. M. the Grand Master.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The receipts and expenditure from 1st June, 1893, to 31st May, 1894, have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Certificates.....\$ 2,773 00	Grand Secretary's salary.....\$1,600 00
Dues..... 10,096 25	Grand Secretary's assistant's salary 800 00
Fees 1,623 50	Grand Treasurer's salary 200 00
Dispensations 146 00	Rent of Grand Secretary's office 175 00
Warrants 30 00	Miss Place, stenographer, salary to 31st May, 1893 300 00
Constitutions 341 00	Grand Secretary, ad-
Commutation fees ... 120 00	
P. M. certificates 6 00	
Interest, general..... 3,154 15	
Interest, asylum fund 430 50	
Fees for healing 110 00	
Miscellaneous..... 160 75	
<i>Carried forward</i> .....\$18,991 15	<i>Carried forward</i> .....\$3,075 00

Brought forward\$18,991 15



Total, \$18,991 15

Of the amount received \$17,-
903.65 was paid to the Grand
Treasurer up to the 31st May,
1894, and the balance after the
books were closed at that date.

Brought forward\$3,075 00

vance for incidentals to 31st May, '92.....	167 53
Grand Secretary, ad- vance for incidentals to 31st May, '93.....	500 00
Times Printing Com- pany, sundry printing	171 35
Hunter, Rose & Co., on account printing	1,560 00
Copp, Clark & Co, print- ing certificates.....	582 89
Committee on foreign correspondence.....	100 00
Expenses board of gen- eral purposes.....	1,113 60
R. Duncan & Co., sta- tionery	41 65
J. Eastwood & Co., sta- tionery	47 39
Howell Lithographic Co. cheque books.....	32 00
Advertising for tenders for printing	23 40
Masonic Relief Associa- tion, United States and Canada	110 00
Rent Opera House and sundries, annual meet- ing G. L	178 80
Premium on Grand Sec- retary's bond.....	50 00
Insurance on regalia...	17 50
Expenses preliminary meeting committee on benevolence	30 90
S. J. Sargent, regalia for Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master	330 00
R. W. Bro Thornton, expenses investigation Frank Lodge.....	15 00
Furniture and repairs Grand Secretary's of- ice	250 00
Orders or benevolence..	8,081 25

 \$16,478 26

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Especial
Communications of Grand Lodge were called :

On the 4th August, 1893, at the Village of Morrisburg, for
the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. James Church
(Anglican), M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master,
officiating.

On the 11th August, 1893, at the Village of Palmerston, for the purpose of laying the foundation of a new public school building, M. W. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 2nd July, 1894, at the Village of Mattawa, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a Methodist Church at Pottawa Creek, W. Bro. John de Sousa officiating as Grand Master.

LODGE UNDER DISPENSATION.

The M. W. the Grand Master, on the 29th March, 1864, issued a dispensation to Hanover Lodge, Hanover, North Huron District, No. 5.

DEDICATIONS.

By instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following halls have been dedicated for Craft purposes during the year:

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin, on the 6th December, 1893, R. W. Bro. D. Collins, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto, on the 18th December, 1893, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, on the 20th December, 1893, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove, on the 4th January, 1894, R. W. Bro. D. Collins, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, on the 18th January, 1894, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry, on the 30th March, 1894, R. W. Bro. S. H. Armour, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, and Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford, on the 28th May, 1894, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren, upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, have been appointed Grand Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Canada:

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, for the Grand Lodge of New York, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.

R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, of Kingston, for the Grand Lodge of Hungary (first appointment.)

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, of London, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan, for a further period of three years.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Patterson, of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of Nevada, for a further period of three years.

R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell, of Listowel, for the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray.

R. W. Bro. L. Secord, M. D., of Brantford, for the Grand Lodge of New Zealand (first appointment.)

R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, of Pembroke, for the Grand Lodge of South Australia (first appointment.)

V. W. Bro. Robt. McKnight, of Owen Sound, for the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.

And on the recommendation of the Grand Masters of the respective Grand Lodges, the W. M. the Grand Master has made the following appointments :

R. W. Bro. the Rev. I F. Stidham, of New Britain, near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. Wm. Knox.

R. W. Bro. Ramon Marti Boada, of Havana, near the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, in place of our former representative who has left the jurisdiction.

R. W. Silas B. Wright, of Deland, near the Grand Lodge of Florida, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. D. C. Dawkins.

R. W. Bro. Robt. Harmon Cage, of New Iberia, near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Henry Cooper, of Auckland, near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand (first appointment.)

R. W. Bro. H. M. Addison, of Adelaide, near the Grand Lodge of South Australia (first appointment.)

R. W. Bro. Jno. R. Bellinger, of Greenville, near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. A. Doty.

REVISION OF LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the By-laws of the following lodges.

Aug. 23rd, 1893....	Doric Lodge	No. 58, Ottawa.
Oct. 25th, 1893....	Acacia Lodge	" 430, East Toronto.
Nov. 22nd, 1893....	Morning Star Lodge	" 309, Smith's Hill.
Dec. 18th, 1893....	Bruce Lodge	" 341, Tiverton.
Dec. 18th, 1893....	Anct. St. John's Lodge	" 3, Kingston.

Dec. 27th, 1893....	Burns Lodge	No. 153, Wyoming.
Mar. 1st, 1894....	St. Mark's Lodge	" 105, Drummondville
Mar. 7th, 1894....	Tuscan Lodge	" 99, Newmarket.
Mar. 12th, 1894....	Maple Leaf Lodge	" 362, Tara.
April 3rd, 1894....	Old Light Lodge	" 184, Lucknow.
April 7th, 1894....	Port Elgin Lodge	" 429, Port Elgin.
April 16th, 1894....	Amity Lodge	" 32, Dunnville.
May 3rd, 1894....	Moravian Lodge	" 431, Eden Grove.
May 11th, 1894....	Fidelity Lodge	" 428, Port Perry.
May 26th, 1894....	Richardson Lodge	" 136, Stouffville.
June 2nd, 1894....	Orillia Lodge	" 192, Orillia.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of Amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges:

Aug. 22nd, 1893....	Zeta Lodge	No. 410, Toronto.
Aug. 23rd, 1893....	Mattawa Lodge	" 405, Mattawa.
Sept. 28th, 1893....	Victoria Lodge	" 299, Centreville.
Sept. 29th, 1893....	King Solomon's Lodge	" 378, London West.
Sept. 29th, 1893....	Mimico Lodge	" 369, Lambton Mills.
Oct. 19th, 1893....	Doric Lodge	" 121, Brantford.
Nov. 3rd, 1893....	Faithful Brethren Lodge	" 77, Lindsay.
Dec. 25th, 1893....	Peterboro' Lodge	" 155, Peterboro'.
Jan. 11th, 1894....	Mattawa Lodge	" 405, Mattawa.
Jan. 15th, 1894....	Arkona Lodge	" 307, Arkona.
Jan. 24th, 1894....	Stratford Lodge	" 332, Stratford.
Jan. 31st, 1894....	Alpha Lodge	" 384, Toronto.
Feb. 23rd, 1894....	Tecumseh Lodge	" 144, Stratford.
Mar. 2nd, 1894....	St. Thomas Lodge	" 44, St. Thomas.
April 25th, 1894....	St. John's Lodge	" 209a, London.
April 26th, 1894....	Humber Lodge	" 306, Weston.
May 7th, 1894....	Rising Sun	" 129, Aurora.
May 7th, 1894....	Prince of Wales Lodge	" 371, Ottawa.
May 12th, 1894....	Cataraqui Lodge	" 92, Kingston.
May 26th, 1894....	Patterson Lodge	" 265, Thornhill.
June 2nd, 1894....	Shuniah Lodge	" 287, Port Arthur.
June 2nd, 1894....	Granite Lodge	" 352, Parry Sound.
June 7th, 1894....	King Solomon Lodge	" 22, Toronto.
June 14th, 1894....	Brock Lodge	" 354, Cannington.
June 21st, 1894....	Dalhousie Lodge	" 52, Ottawa.
June 22nd, 1894....	The Spry Lodge	" 406, Fenelon Falls.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following dispensations from July 16th, 1893, to July 12th, 1894:

DISPENSATIONS.

DATE.		No. of LODGE.	NAME AND PLACE OF LODGE.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
July	29, 1893	177	The Builders, Ottawa.....	To Attend an Entertainment.
Aug.	8, 1893	278	Mystic, Roslin	" Elect and Install Officers.
"	10, 1893	120	Warren, Fingal.....	" Install Officers.
Sept.	14, 1893	370	Harmony, Delta	" Install Officers.
Oct.	5, 1893	113	Wilson, Waterford	" Attend Divine Service.
"	18, 1893	22	King Solomon's, Toronto.....	" Attend an At-Home.
Nov.	7, 1893	195	The Tuscan, London	" Attend an At-Home.
Dec.	7, 1893	367	St. George's, Toronto	" Attend an At-Home.
"	11, 1893	24	St. Francis, Smith's Falls.....	" Attend an At-Home.
"	11, 1893	74	St. James', Maitland.....	" Hold Reg. Meet'g on 18th instead 25th.
"	22, 1893	27	Strict Observance, Hamilton.....	" Attend Divine Service.
"	23, 1893	279	New Hope, Hespeler.....	" Install Officers.
"	26, 1893	426	Nickel, Sudbury	" Attend a Ball.
"	29, 1893	346	Occident, Toronto.....	" Attend an At-Home.
"	30, 1893	224	Zurich, Hensall.....	" Install Officers.
Jan.	2, 1894	388	Henderson, Iderton.....	" Install Officers.
"	3, 1894	364	Dufferin, Melbourne.....	" Elect and Install Officers.
"	3, 1894	113	Wilson, Waterford	" Install Officers.
"	4, 1894	185	Enniskillen, York.....	" Elect and Install Officers.
"	5, 1894	243	Macy, Mallorytown	" Install Officers.
"	8, 1894	307	Arkona, Arkona.....	" Install Officers.
"	9, 1894	79	Simcoe, Bradford.....	" Elect and Install Officers.
"	15, 1894	264	Chandiere, Ottawa	" Install Officers.
"	15, 1894	23	Richmond, Richmond Hill	" Attend Divine Service.
"	15, 1894	84	Old Light, Lucknow	" Attend an At-Home.
"	16, 1894	144	Tecumseh, Stratford	" Attend Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS.—Continued.

DATE.	No. OF LODGE.	NAME AND PLACE OF LODGE.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
Jan. 16, 1894.....	292	Robertson, Nobleton	To Install Officers.
" 19, 1894.....	311	Blackwood, Woodbridge.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 23, 1894.....	90	Manito, Collingwood.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 25, 1894.....	380	Union, London	Install Officers.
" 25, 1894.....	223	Norwood, Norwood.....	Elect Officers.
" 27, 1894.....	156	York, North Toronto.....	Attend a Conversazione.
Feb. 21, 1884.....	110	Central, Prescott	Attend an At-Home.
Mar. 7, 1894.....	384	Alpha, Toronto	Attend an At-Home.
" 14, 1894.....	326	Zeta, Toronto	Attend a "Social Evening."
" 21, 1894.....	65	Rehoboam, Toronto.....	Attend an At-Home.
" 26, 1894.....	200	St. Alban's, Mount Forest	Attend an At-Home.
" 26, 1894.....	99	Tuscan, Newmarket.....	Attend an At-Home.
" 26, 1894.....	27	Strict Observance, Hamilton	Attend a Conversazione.
" 30, 1894.....	432	Hanover, Hanover	Open a New Lodge.
Apl. 4, 1894.....	430	Acacia, East Toronto.....	Attend an At-Home.
" 12, 1894.....	294	Moore, Moore.....	Elect and Install Officers.
" 25, 1894.....	247	Ashlar, Toronto	Initiate out of Jurisdiction.
May 9, 1894.....	231	Fidelity, Ottawa.....	Attend an At-Home.
" 15, 1894.....	149	Erie, Port Dover	Attend Divine Service.
" 29, 1894.....	122	Renfrew, Renfrew	Initiate, out of Jurisdiction.
" 30, 1894.....	314	Merrill, Dorchester Station.....	Elect Officers.
June 2, 1894.....	72	Alma, Galt	Install Officers.
" 5, 1894.....	263	Forest, Forest	Attend Divine Service.
" 8, 1894.....	230	Kerr, Barrie.....	Install Officers.
" 13, 1894.....	18	Prince Edward, Picton.....	Attend Divine Service.
" 14, 1894.....	82	St. John's Paris	Inst. Officers and Att'd Div. Service

DISPENSATIONS.—Continued.

DATE.	No. of LODGE.	NAME AND PLACE OF LODGE.	FOR WHAT GRANTED.
June 15, 1894.....	341	Bruce, Tiverton.....	To Attend Divine Service.
" 16, 1894.....	396	Cedar, Wiarton.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 20, 1894.....	399	Moflat, Harrietsville.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 20, 1894.....	225	Bernard, Listowel.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 20, 1894.....	258	Guelph, Guelph.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 21, 1894.....	129	The Rising Sun, Aurora.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 21, 1894.....	400	Oakville, Oakville.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 21, 1894.....	332	Stratford, Stratford.....	" Install Officers.
" 22, 1894.....	414	Pequonga, Rat Portage.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 26, 1894.....	2	Niagara, Niagara.....	" Install Officers.
" 29, 1894.....	314	Blair, Palmerston.....	" Attend Divine Service.
July 2, 1894.....	414	Pequonga, Rat Portage.....	" Install Officers.
" 4, 1894.....	87	Markham Union, Markham ..	" Install Officers.
" 6, 1894.....	178	Plattsville, Plattsville.....	" Initiate, out of Jurisdiction.
" 10, 1894.....	416	Lyn, Lyn	" Install Officers.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary.

HAMILTON, July 12th, 1894.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. Masons of Canada, in the Province
of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I herewith submit my Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Grand Lodge, for the year ending 31st May, 1894.

The Balance at credit of Current Account at 31st May, 1893, was.....		\$6,589 39
During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary the following sums, viz:		
On account of General Fund	\$17,473 15	
On account of Asylum Fund	430 50	
	—————	17,903 65
		\$24,493 04
The expenditure for General Purposes during the year was	\$8,397 01	
For Benevolence	8,081 25	
	—————	\$16,478 26
Balance at credit of Current Account in Canadian Bank of Commerce, as per acknowledgment of bank officials to this statement.....		\$8,014 78

The funds of Grand Lodge amounted, at the 31st May, 1894, to the sum of \$83,014.78, as shown by attached Balance Sheet; \$75,000 is invested in the debentures of Loan Companies, the smallest sum invested in any one company being \$5,000, and the highest \$15,000. The debentures are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping.

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount at the credit of the General Fund and the Asylum Fund, respectively, on the 31st May, 1894 and the sums invested in the respective companies and the rates of interest.

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with HUGH MURRAY, Grand Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1893.

June 30—	Paid Hunter, Rose & Co., on account of printing..	\$1,000 00
July 31—	" Masonic Hall Association rent to date.....	43 75
" 31—	" Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office to date	75 00
" 31—	" Assistant to Grand Secretary to date.....	200 00
" 31—	" Grand Secretary's salary to date.....	400 00
" 31—	" Grand Treasurer's "	50 00
" 31—	" Times Printing Co., sundry printing.....	171 35
" 31—	" Rent of Opera House, printing and other expenses during Grand Lodge.....	178 80
" 31—	" R. Duncan & Co., for stationery	41 65
" 31—	" Expenses, meeting (special), Committee on Benevolence	30 90
" 31—	" Grand Secretary, balance of incidental expenses to 31st May, 1893.	167 53
" 31—	" Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals, 1893-4	500 00
" 31—	" Annual Subscription, General Masonic Relief Association.....	110 00
" 31—	" Expenses, Board of General Purposes	1,113 60
Aug. 31—	" Copp, Clark & Co., for certificates.....	582 89
" 31—	" J. Eastwood & Co., for stationery.....	47 39
" 31—	" M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Report on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
" 31—	" The Howell Lithographing Co. for Cheque Books.....	32 00
Oct. 31—	" Grand Secretary's salary to date... ..	400 00
" 31—	" Assistant to Grand Secretary salary to date	200 00
" 31—	" Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office salary to date.....	75 00
" 31—	" Masonic Hall Association rent to date.....	43 75
" 31—	" Grand Treasurer's salary to date.....	50 00
" 31—	" Guarantee Co. of North America, premium on Grand Secretary's Bond.....	50 00
Nov. 30—	" Advertisement for Printing Contract.....	23 40
Dec. 31—	" Hunter, Rose & Co., on acct. of printing ...	60 00
" 31—	" Bro. T. H. Tornton, expenses investigating case <i>re</i> Frank Lodge.....	15 00

1894.

Jan. 31—	" Stenographer Grand Secretary's Office, salary to date	75 00
" 31—	" Masonic Hall Association rent to date....	43 75
" 31—	" Furniture and Repairs Grand Secretary's Office	250 00
" 31—	" Assistant to Grand Secretary salary to date	200 00

Carried forward..... \$6,330 76

		<i>Brought forward</i>	\$6,330 76
Jan.	31—	Paid Grand Secretary's salary to date.....	400 00
"	31—	" Grand Treasurer's salary to date..	50 00
"	31—	" Hunter, Rose & Co., account of printing ..	500 00
April	30—	" Grand Secretary's salary to date,	400 00
"	31—	" Assistant to "	200 00
"	31—	" Stenographer "	75 00
"	31—	" Grand Treasurer's "	50 00
"	31—	" Masonic Hall Association rent to date.....	43 75
"	31—	" Insurance on Regalia	17 50
"	30—	" S. J. Sargent, Regalia for Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master.....	330 00
"	30—	" Benevolent Order as per list.....	8,081 25
"	30—	" Balance as per balance sheet.....	69,402 02
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			\$85,880 29

1893.

RECEIPTS.

July	2—	By Balance as per balance sheet	\$68,407 14
"	14—	" Grand Secretary.....	4,500 00
Nov.	30—	" Grand Secretary, interest on bank account..	63 37
1894.			
Jan.	32—	" Grand Secretary.....	4,000 00
Feb.	28—	" Grand Secretary.....	2,000 00
Apl.	30—	" Grand Secretary.....	2,000 00
May	14—	" Grand Secretary.....	2,000 00
"	31—	" Grand Secretary.....	2,884 34
"	31—	" Grand Secretary, interest on bank account..	25 44
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			\$85,880 29

STATEMENT—ASYLUM FUND.

1893.			
May	31—	By Balance as per balance sheet	\$13,182 25
1894.			
May	31—	By Grand Secretary, income on investments....	430 50
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			\$13,612 75

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1894.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masters of Canada, in account with HUGH MURRAY, Grand Treasurer.

DEBENTURES:		General Fund.....	\$69,402 03
London Loan Company of Canada, 5 per cent.	\$10,000 00	Asylum Fund.....	18,612 75
Huron & Erie Loan Company, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	15,000 00		
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	10,000 00		
Canada Permanent Loan Co., $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.	10,000 00		
Landed Banking and Loan Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	10,000 00		
Landed Banking and Loan Co., $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.	5,000 00		
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	5,000 00		
Canada Savings and Loan Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	5,000 00		
Owen Sound, Grey & Bruce Loan and Savings Co., 5 per cent.	5,000 00		
Current Account:			
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1894	8,014 78		
	<u>\$83,014 78</u>		
			<u>\$83,014 78</u>

We hereby certify that the debentures named and set forth in the above Balance Sheet are in the custody of the Bank for safe keeping, and the above mentioned balance of \$8,014.78 was at the credit of the current account of the Grand Lodge at the close of business on the 31st May, 1894.

(Signed,)

WM. ROBERTS, Manager.
S. READ, Accountant.

Canadian Bank of Commerce.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June. 1893.	August. 1893.
30 Mrs. John B. Galt....\$10 00	31 Daughter of William Reynolds..... 5 00
30 Mrs. David Robertson 10 00	31 Mrs. Josh Chantler... 10 00
30 Mrs. William Leaney 10 00	31 Mrs. James E. Bailey. 10 00
30 Mrs. Hamilton Howe. 10 00	31 Mrs. John Wills..... 20 00
30 Orphans of Thomas Palmer..... 20 00	31 Bro. John C. Woods. 25 00
July.	31 Mrs. Isaac Nelson.... 15 00
31 Miss Mary H. Harris 18 75	31 Mrs. Richard Hill... 10 00
31 Miss Lillian M. Harris 18 75	31 Mrs. James Filton... 10 00
31 Mrs. S. H. Blondheim 15 00	31 Bro. Chris. R. Barker 25 00
31 Miss M. Wilson..... 75 00	31 Mrs. Robt. Marcus .. 10 00
August.	31 Mrs. A. R. Paul..... 20 00
31 Bro. John C. Wood.. 25 00	31 Bro. Edwin D. Mc- 20 00
31 Bro. James Rippon.. 15 00	Clocklin..... 20 00
31 Mrs. George F. Pocock 10 00	31 Mrs. Adam A. Hind.. 20 00
31 Mrs. Macneil Clarke. 10 00	31 Bro. T. H. Butler.... 25 00
31 Hamilton B. of H.... 50 00	31 Mrs. R. Taylor..... 10 00
31 Mrs. James H. Wright 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Sbarp.... 10 00
31 Guelph B. of R..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Alex. Thompson 20 00
31 Mrs. W. A. Harvey .. 5 00	31 Orphans J. R. Taylor 10 00
31 Mrs. William Jolley.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Daniel Huff.... 15 00
31 Bro. Arch Cooper... 20 00	31 Mrs. Isaac L. Strouger 15 00
31 Mrs. Samuel Waltho. 15 00	31 Mrs. William Blair... 15 00
31 Mrs. James A. Blott.. 15 00	31 Bro. John Scott..... 25 00
31 Mrs. Erastus Kester.. 15 00	31 Mrs. W. F. Jennings 15 00
31 Bro. Ira C. Warren... 25 00	31 Mrs. John Harvey... 15 00
31 Widow and daughter of Sam'l V. Perry.. 20 00	31 Mrs. James C. Bogart 10 00
31 Mrs. James Allen.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Robert Gibson... 10 00
31 Mrs. Peter Spence.... 15 00	31 Mrs. G. B. Fraser.... 10 00
31 Bro. H. A. Wetherall. 25 00	31 Mrs. James Blue..... 15 00
31 Bro. W. A. McLim... 25 00	31 Mrs. James Hagarman 10 00
31 Mrs. John Vaux..... 10 00	31 Mrs. John W. Ever- 10 00
31 Mrs. John Brogan ... 10 00	ingham 10 00
31 Bro. James W. Crate. 25 00	31 Mrs. R. Newbery.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Adam Petrie... 10 00	31 Bro. Thomas Brown.. 25 00
31 Mrs. William D. Hill 10 00	31 Mrs. Ab. Baker..... 20 00
31 Thomas Fowler..... 10 00	31 Bro. John Polley.... 20 00
31 Mrs. William Corner. 10 00	31 Mrs. T. D. Harington. 20 00
31 Mrs. J. G. Burns.... 15 00	31 Mrs. James Miller ... 15 00
31 Mrs. W. J. Smith..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Robert Taylor... 10 00
31 Mrs. John Manning.. 15 00	31 Mrs. J. K. Oliver.... 10 00
31 Mrs. John Kestevan.. 10 00	31 Widow and orphans of Thos. Sproule..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Joshua Parker.. 15 00	31 Bro. Alex. J. Short... 25 00
31 Mrs. G. T. Porter.... 15 00	31 Ottawa B of R . . . 12 50
31 Mrs. J. R. L. Smith.. 15 00	31 Children of Phillip Varney..... 15 00
31 Mother of J. Cummins 15 00	31 Widow and orphans of W. M. Hunter ... 20 00
31 Mrs. Albert Stairs.... 20 00	31 Widow and orphans of Alfred Hill 10 00
31 Mrs. J. A. McInnes .. 10 00	31 Mrs. E. Murphy..... 20 00
31 Mrs. John Kennedy.. 10 00	
31 Mrs. McKie Conklin.. 15 00	
31 Mrs. Thomas Armson 10 00	

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

August. 1893.	August. 1893.
31 Mrs. E. W. Griffith... 10 00	31 Mrs. Angus Kerr..... 10 00
31 Mrs. A. Goldsmith... 15 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Nash.... 15 00
31 Bro. J. C. Williams.. 25 00	31 Mrs. Peter Paterson.. 10 00
31 Bro. Chas. W. Wilmot 25 00	31 Mrs. Henry Hall..... 10 00
31 Mrs. W. B. Wallace.. 15 00	31 Mrs. William Parney 10 00
31 Mrs. Edward Handy. 10 00	31 Mrs. Sylvester Cald-
31 Mrs. Dugald McLellan 10 00	well 15 00
31 Mrs. John McKellar . 10 00	31 Mrs. Walter McKay.. 10 00
31 Bro. John Monro..... 25 00	31 Mrs. John Wright... 10 00
31 Mrs. Chesley Hollister 10 00	31 Bro. R. Farquharson 25 00
31 Mrs. Samuel Witmer . 20 00	31 Mrs. John Munro ... 10 00
31 Mrs. George Godfrey. 15 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson. 20 00
31 Mrs. Henry Kerrison. 20 00	31 Mrs. A. H. Barclay... 15 00
31 Mrs. G. W. Shields.. 10 00	31 Mrs. James J. Carter.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Chas. W. Robb.. 20 00	31 Mrs. A. McIntire 15 00
31 Mrs. Angus R. Munro 10 00	31 Bro. Edward McNally 20 00
31 Mrs. W. H. Street ... 10 00	31 Mrs. Angus A. Ross.. 15 00
31 Mrs. C. Davis 20 00	31 Bro. Philander Myers 20 00
31 Mrs. W. W. Hallett.. 10 00	31 Mrs. A. W. Tooke.... 5 00
31 Daughter of Stephen	31 Mrs. Charles Graham 15 00
Smith 20 00	31 Mrs. Lewis Beam.... 10 00
31 B. of R., London..... 25 00	31 Bro. James Bowman.. 25 00
31 Mrs. T. G. Shaw..... 10 00	31 Bro. Chas. J. Crooks. 15 00
31 Mrs. Edwin Amsden. 10 00	31 Mrs. Thos. Reid 10 00
31 Bro. James Butter-	31 Mrs. Robt. C. Carter. 15 00
worth 10 00	31 Mrs. John Weir..... 10 00
31 Orphan of W. H. Mc-	31 Mrs. William Ramsay 20 00
Bride..... 5 00	31 Orphans of Silas J.
31 Widow and Orphans	Benjamin 5 00
of James McKillican 20 00	31 Bro. Geo. Hallock... 25 00
31 Children, James G.	31 Mrs. Michael Cronin. 20 00
Crowell 10 00	31 Mrs. Thomas Elliot.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Robt. J. McAuslan 15 00	31 Brockville B. of R.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Jacob LeClair... 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Richardson 10 00
31 Mrs. James Rodgers . 5 00	31 Bro. Henry T. Ross.. 25 00
31 Mrs. Joseph Metherell 10 00	31 Mrs. Robert Young.. 10 00
31 Orphan, G. S. Barber 5 00	31 Mrs. Newton 20 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Johnstone. 10 00	31 Daughter of Thomas
31 Mrs. Richard Flood.. 20 00	Perley 10 00
31 Mrs. William Hill ... 10 00	31 Orphans of W. Mc-
31 Mrs. George Smith .. 10 00	Phail 10 00
31 Mrs. S. McCullough.. 10 00	31 Mrs. W. McCadden.. 5 00
31 Daughters of F. Corell 15 00	31 Mrs. G. B. Gray.... 10 00
31 Daughters of Jno. R.	31 Mrs. H. Richardson.. 10 00
Steele..... 20 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Christian-
31 Mrs. Robt. Macoun .. 10 00	son 10 00
31 Mrs. George Sutton.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Anthony Davey. 15 00
31 Children of Arch. Gra-	31 Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe. . 10 00
ham 15 00	31 Mrs. Edwin Phillips
31 Orphan of Alex Miller 20 00	and orphans..... 10 00
31 Bro. F. Devereux.... 20 00	31 Mrs. W. F. Livingston 5 00
31 Mrs. George Goslee .. 5 00	31 Mrs. William Scott .. 10 00
31 Mrs. John Burton ... 5 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Hortop.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. S. Pickhaver 10 00	31 Mrs. Jno. M Lawrence 10 00

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September. 1893.

30 Mrs. Wm. Crawford..	10 00
30 Bro. Robert E. Law..	25 00
30 Mrs. Thos. S. Agar...	10 00
30 Mrs. David J. Bridge-	
ford.....	15 00
30 Mrs. Joseph Garbutt.	10 00
30 Mrs. A. Doherty.....	15 00
30 Mrs. John Pigott.....	15 00
30 Mrs. W. W. Tuttle...	10 00
30 Daughter, J. H. Moat	10 00
30 Mrs. Robt. Smith.....	10 00
30 Mrs. William Allen ..	10 00
30 Mrs. R. Nancollas....	10 00
30 Mrs. Daniel McLean.	15 00
30 Mrs. Jas. McGibbony.	10 00
30 Mrs. Geo. Cristie....	10 00
30 Mrs. Mat. G. Vander-	
voort.....	10 00
30 Mrs. Calvin Bryant..	10 00
30 Mrs. Josh Middleton..	10 00
30 Mrs. John M. Ferguson	10 00
30 Mrs. R. A. Sinclair...	10 00
30 Mrs. Joseph Tuttle...	5 00
30 Mrs. Thos. Blythe...	10 00
30 Daughter of R. Hooker	
Lee	10 00
30 Bro. John Morgan...	25 00
30 Mrs Wm. Sweeney...	10 00
30 Mrs. Seymour Porter.	10 00
30 Orphans of John H.	
Bothwell	20 00
30 Mrs. J. L. Young	10 00
30 Mrs. J. C. Smith	15 00
30 Mrs. John Jackson...	10 00
30 Mrs. Geo. H. Rowed.	20 00
30 Bro. Robt. Sadler....	15 00
30 Mrs. John Rest	10 00
30 Mrs. W. C. Jewell ...	10 00
30 Bro. John Dixon.	25 00
30 Mrs. Edward A. Mar-	
tin.....	15 00
30 Bro. Samuel Latimer	20 00
30 Mrs. Geo. L. Eddle-	
stone.....	10 00
30 Denis L. Cumins	10 00
30 Daughter of Angus	
Campbell	20 00
30 Mrs. S. H. Blondheim	15 00
30 Mrs. William Hoskins	10 00
30 Bro. Jos. Blackburn..	25 00
30 Mrs. Walter Francis..	10 00
30 Mrs. F. E. Ecclestone	10 00
30 Mrs. Robt. A. Kirby..	10 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Johnston..	20 00

September. 1893.

30 Mrs. Aaron Bowman.	15 00
30 Mrs. A. McPherson..	10 00
30 Mrs. Charles Bennett.	20 00
30 Mrs. Frank LeRoy...	5 00
30 Mrs. Samuel M. Phenix	15 00
30 Mrs. Thomas Clegg...	10 00
October.	
31 Mrs. Alfred S. Lloyd.	20 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Wakefield..	20 00
31 Mrs. T. G. Hurst....	10 00
31 Mrs. William Coulter.	10 00
31 Miss Mary M. Harris.	18 75
31 Miss Lillian M. Harris	18 75
31 Miss Mary Wilson....	75 00
31 Mrs. T. D. Davis	25 00
31 Mrs. Robt. Varden...	15 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson... .	18 75
31 Mrs. W. W. Reid	10 00
31 Mrs. Rich. Phillips ..	15 00
31 Kingston B. of R....	10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. J. Irwin...	10 00
31 Mrs. F. Elkington...	10 00
31 Mrs. F. D. Barker...	20 00
31 Mrs. Robert Carey...	10 00
31 Mrs. Roder'k McLeod	10 00
31 Bro. A. C. Coombs...	15 00
November.	
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson ..	18 75
30 Mrs. W. M. Wilson ..	18 75
30 Mrs. William Agnew.	15 00
30 Daughter of J. Dean.	25 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Leamy	10 00
30 Bro. Josh Bond	25 00
30 Mrs. John McEachern	10 00
30 Mrs. Jas. Greenfield..	10 00
30 Mrs. Thomas T. John-	
son.....	20 00
30 Mrs. Wm. McBurney.	20 00
December.	
30 Mrs. Wm. Spearman.	20 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Tennant...	10 00
30 Mrs. James S. Laing..	10 00
January. 1894.	
31 Miss M. Wilson.....	75 00
31 Miss Lillian M. Harris	18 75
31 Miss Mary M. Harris.	18 75
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson...	37 50
31 Mrs. J. A. Malcolm...	10 00
31 Mrs. William Reid..	10 00
31 Mrs. William Sharp..	10 00
31 Bro. T. H. Butler....	25 00
31 Bro. J. C. Williams...	25 00
31 Mrs. Geo. Godfrey...	15 00
31 Mrs. John Kennedy. .	10 00

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

January. 1894.	February. 1894.
31 B. of R. London..... 25 00	28 Bro. Elmer J. Halladay..... 15 00
31 Daughter of J.H. Moat 10 00	28 Bro. John C. Woods. 25 00
31 Mother, J.B. Cummins 15 00	28 Orphan of M. McPhail 10 00
31 Mrs. John Manning.. 15 00	28 Mrs. J. A. McInnes.. 10 00
31 Mrs. T. D. Harington. 20 00	28 Mrs. G. W. Shields.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Samuel M. Phenix 15 00	28 Mrs. Jas. C. Bogart.. 10 00
31 Mrs. C. Davis..... 20 00	28 Daughter of Jas. Dean 25 00
31 Mrs. A. R. Paul 20 00	28 Mrs. Jacob Le Clair.. 10 00
31 Mrs. William Jolley.. 10 00	28 Mrs. James Rogers... 5 00
31 Mrs. Wm. J. Smyth.. 10 00	28 Mrs. John M. Lawrence..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Joshua Parker.. 15 00	28 Mrs. Washington F. Jennings..... 15 00
31 Bro. Chas. M. Wilmot 25 00	28 Mrs. Joseph Chantler. 10 00
31 Bro. H. A. Wetherall. 25 00	28 Bro. W. A. McLim... 25 00
31 Bro. John Munro.... 25 00	28 Mrs. Jas. E. Bailey.. 10 00
31 Bro. Chas. R. Barker. 25 00	28 Mrs. R. Newbery.... 10 00
31 Mrs. John Wills..... 20 00	28 Bro. John Scott..... 25 00
31 Mrs. Erastus Kester. 15 00	28 Mrs. W. M. Hunter... 20 00
31 Mrs. Robert Carey... 10 00	28 Mrs. Jas. Allen..... 10 00
31 Mrs. G. T. Porter.... 15 00	28 Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe... 10 00
31 Mrs. Jas. Butterworth 10 00	28 Mrs. Samuel Witmer. 20 00
31 Mrs. J. R. L. Smith.. 15 00	28 Mrs. E. W. Griffith.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Thos. Fowler... 10 00	28 Mrs. S. McCullough.. 10 00
31 Mrs. G. B. Gray..... 10 00	28 Mrs. Robt. Marcus... 10 00
31 Guelph B. of R..... 10 00	28 Mrs. Peter Patterson. 10 00
31 Mrs. A. McPherson... 10 00	28 Mrs. Geo. Christie... 10 00
31 Mrs. Jas. A. Blott... 15 00	28 Sec. Treas., B. of R. Ottawa .. 12 50
31 Mrs. Samuel Waltho. 15 00	28 Children of P. Varney 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Wakefield. 20 00	28 Mrs. Alf Hill 10 00
31 Mrs. J. A. Malcolm.. 10 00	28 Mrs. Arch. Graham.. 15 00
31 Mrs. Jas. Middleton.. 10 00	28 Mrs. W. H. Hallett.. 10 00
31 Mrs. T. G. Shaw 10 64	28 Mrs. A. W. Tuke..... 5 00
31 Mrs. Abraham Baker. 20 00	28 Mrs. W. C. Jewell ... 10 00
February.	28 Mrs. John Brogan... 10 00
28 Son of Francis Vickers 5 00	28 Mrs. Thos. S. Agar .. 10 00
28 Son of Francis Vickers 5 00	28 Bro. John Polley ... 20 00
28 Mrs. James Filton... 10 00	28 Mrs. Angus A. Ross.. 15 00
28 Bro. Edwin D. McClocklin..... 20 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson. 20 00
28 Mrs. Adam A. Hurd. 20 00	28 Mrs. A. Doherty..... 15 00
28 Mrs. Robt. C. Carter. 15 00	28 Mrs. F. W. Cooke.... 15 00
28 Daughter of Stephen Smith..... 20 00	28 Mrs. F. W. Cooke.... 15 00
28 Mrs. Isaac Nelson ... 15 00	28 Mrs. Peter Spence... 15 00
28 Mrs. McNeil Clark... 10 00	28 Mrs. David Ross..... 15 00
28 Daughter of R. H. Lee 10 00	28 Mrs. David Ross..... 15 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Crawford.. 10 00	28 Mrs. Alex. Thompson 20 00
28 Mrs. A. Goldsmith... 15 00	28 Mrs. Jas. H. Wright. 10 00
28 Mrs. Angus R. Munro 10 00	28 Mrs. Jas. S. Laing... 10 00
28 Mrs. Geo. H. Rowed.. 20 00	28 Mrs. Samuel V. Perry 20 00
28 Mrs. Thos. Armson... 10 00	28 Sec. Treas. Board of Relief Kingston.... 10 00
28 Mrs. Robt. Vardon... 15 00	28 Mrs. Jas. McGibbony 10 00
28 Daughter of Wm. Reynolds 5 00	
28 Mrs. Thos. Clegg.... 10 00	

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

February, 1894.		February, 1894.	
28 Mrs. T. Stafford.....	10 00	28 Mrs. Robt. Gipson...	10 00
28 Mrs. Theo. Stafford...	10 00	28 Mrs. Jas. Miller.....	15 00
28 Mrs. Robt. Smith.....	10 00	28 Orphans of Silas J. Benjamin.....	5 00
28 Mrs. Thos. Elliott...	10 00	28 Mrs. Michael Cronin.	20 00
28 Mrs. John Weir.....	10 00	28 Mrs. Charles Bennett	20 00
28 Mrs. McKie Conklin...	15 00	28 Mrs. Geo. L. Edleston	10 00
28 Bro. F. Deveroux...	20 00	28 Mrs. Richard Phillips	15 00
28 Mrs. Denis L. Cumins	10 00	28 Mrs. Anthony Davey.	15 00
28 Mrs. Richard Hill...	10 00	28 Bro. Robt. E. Law...	25 00
28 Bro. Robert Sadler...	15 00	28 Bro. Jas. W. Carte...	25 00
28 Mrs. L. Wright.....	20 00	28 Mrs. Isaac L. Strowger....	15 00
28 Mrs. L. Wright.....	20 00	28 Mrs. A. H. Barclay..	15 00
28 Mrs. John Wright....	10 00	28 Mrs. R. Taylor.....	10 00
28 Children of James G. Crowell	10 00	28 Mrs. Mat. G. Vandervoort	10 00
28 Sec -Treas., B. of R., Hamilton	50 00	28 Mrs. John Harvey...	15 00
28 Bro. Robt. Farquharson	25 00	28 Orphans of John H. Bothwell	20 00
28 Mrs. Geo. Sutton....	10 00	28 Bro. Philander Meyers	20 00
28 Mrs. Bro. Newton...	20 00	28 Mrs. T. G. Hurst....	10 00
28 Orphan of Wm. H. McBride	5 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Coulter...	10 00
28 Bro. Jas. Rippon....	15 00	28 Mrs. Wm. McCadden.	5 00
28 Daughter of Angus Campbell	20 00	28 Mrs. Alfred S. Lloyd.	20 00
28 Mrs. Geo. Goslee....	5 00	28 Mrs. W. B. Wallace...	15 00
28 Mrs. Thos. G. Furnival	10 00	28 Mrs. Jas. McKillican.	20 00
28 Mrs. Thos. G. Furnival.....	10 00	28 Mrs. Alex. J. Short...	25 00
28 Mrs. Chesley Hollister	10 00	28 Mrs. W. H. Street...	10 00
28 Mrs. Thos. Reid.....	10 00	28 Daughter of Thomas Perley	10 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Blue.....	15 00	28 Mrs. Hy. Richardson.	10 00
28 Bro. John Dixon.....	25 00	28 Mrs. Angus Kerr...	10 00
28 Mrs. F. E. Eccleston.	10 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Spearman.	20 00
28 Mrs. Adam Petrie...	10 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Blair.....	15 00
28 Mrs. Richard Flood..	20 00	28 Mrs. Henry Kerrison.	20 00
28 Mrs. R. A. Sinclair...	10 00	28 Mrs. G. B. Fraser...	10 00
28 Mrs. Albert Stairs...	20 00	28 Mrs. Robt. Taylor....	10 00
28 Mrs. Jas. J. Carter...	10 00	28 Mrs. Alex. Miller....	20 00
28 Mrs. A. S. McIntyre.	15 00	28 Mrs. Wm. S. Pickhaver	10 00
28 Mrs. Walter McKay.	10 00	28 Mrs. Ed. A. Martin...	15 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Hortop....	10 00	28 Mrs. W. W. Reid...	10 00
28 Mrs. Ed. Handy.....	10 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Richardson	10 00
28 Mrs. W. W. Nash.....	15 00	28 Orphans of T. Palmer	20 00
28 Orphans of J. R. Taylor	10 00	28 Mrs. Jno. W. Ferguson	10 00
18 Mrs. John Pigot....	15 00	28 Bro. Hy. T. Ross....	25 00
28 Mrs. Jos. Garbriitt.	10 00	28 Mrs. Henry Hall.....	10 00
28 Mrs. Daniel McLean.	15 00	28 Bro. Ira C. Warren..	25 00
28 Mrs. Aaron Bowman	15 00	28 Mrs. Thos. C. T. Johnson.....	20 00
28 Mrs. Thos. Sproule..	10 00	28 Mrs. Joseph Tuttle...	5 00
		28 Mrs. John McKellar..	10 00

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February. 1894.	March. 1894.
28 Bro. Chas. J. Crooks. 15 00	31 Mrs. Robt. A. Kirby.. 10 00
28 Mrs. John W. Everingham..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Samuel Latimer 20 00
28 Mrs. Seymour Porter 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Agnew ... 15 00
28 Mrs. J. K. Oliver.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Johnston.. 20 00
28 Bro. Jos Blackburn. 25 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Corner.... 10 00
28 Mrs. J. L. Young.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Dugald McLellan 10 00
28 Mrs Edwin Amsden. 10 00	31 Mrs. R. Nancollas.... 10 00
28 Bro. Arch. Cooper... 20 00	31 Mrs. J. G. Burns.... 15 00
28 Bro. Joseph Bond... 25 00	31 Mrs. W. B Simpson.. 50 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Hagerman. 10 00	31 Bro. Jas. Bowman ... 25 00
28 Mrs. Lewis Beam.... 10 00	31 Bro. Geo. Hallock.... 25 00
28 Mrs. Robert Macoom 10 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Christison.. 10 00
28 Mrs. W. W. Tuttle... 10 00	31 Mrs. Geo. Smith.... 10 00
28 Mrs. W. A. Harvey.. 5 00	31 Mrs. Frank LeRoy... 5 00
28 Mrs. Thos. Blyth.... 10 00	31 Bro Elmer J. Halladay..... 15 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Parney.... 10 00	31 Mrs. F. D. Barker.... 20 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Hoskins... 10 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Greenfield.. 10 00
28 Mrs. Edwin Phillips. 10 00	31 Mrs. David J. Bridgeford..... 15 00
28 Mrs. Wm. McBurney 20 00	31 Mrs John Burton ... 5 00
28 Bro. John Morgan... 25 00	31 Mrs. Walter Francis.. 10 00
28 Mrs. Sylvester Caldwell..... 15 00	31 Mrs. John McEachern 10 00
28 Mrs. W. F. Livingston 5 00	April.
28 Mrs. Daniel G. Huff. 15 00	30 Miss Lillian M. Harris 18 75
28 Mrs. John Vaux.... 10 00	30 Miss Mary M. Harris. 18 75
28 Mrs. John Jackson... 10 00	30 Mrs. John Best..... 10 00
28 Mrs. Chas. Graham.. 15 00	30 Miss M. Wilson 75 00
28 Mrs. Jas. Metherell.. 10 00	30 Mrs. Wm. Allen..... 10 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Hill. 10 00	30 Mrs. J. C. Smith.... 15 00
28 Orphans of George S. Barber 5 00	30 Mrs. W. M. Wilson... 37 50
28 Mrs. Wm. Ramsay... 20 00	20 Mrs. Wm. J Irwin.. 10 00
March.	30 Bro. Edw. McNally.. 20 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Sweeney.. 10 00	May.
31 Mrs. Calvin Bryant . 10 00	31 Bro. A. C. Coombs... 15 00
31 Sec. Treas. B. of R., Brockville..... 10 00	31 Mrs. John Pattison.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Reid.... 10 00	31 Mrs. John Munro.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Roderick McLeod 10 00	31 Orphans of T. Palmer 20 00
31 Mrs. John Kestevan.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Scott.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Chas. W. Noble. 20 00	31 Mrs. Daniel Robertson..... 10 00
31 Daughter of John R. Steele..... 20 00	31 Mrs. Daniel Robertson..... 10 00
31 Orphan Daughter of F. Covell 15 00	31 Mrs. F. S. Hubbard.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Johnston.. 10 00	31 Mrs. F. S. Hubbart.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Robt Young ... 10 00	31 S. H. Blondheim.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Leamy.... 10 00	Total..... \$8,081 25

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report on the condition of Masonry in this District, for the year ending June, 1894.

My first official act was to notify the secretaries of the different lodges of my appointment. I am pleased to say that in every lodge in the district harmony prevails and with but few exceptions the Worshipful Masters and officers are well skilled and a credit to the Craft.

I have noticed that the lodges which do the best work have well skilled Deacons, which goes to show that there should be as much care taken in selecting these officers as there is in electing the Worshipful Masters and Wardens.

I have held two Lodges of Instruction, one in the Eastern and the other in the Western part of the District, and I firmly believe that there is more Masonic knowledge and life imparted at these meetings than can possibly be in the combined Masonic visits of the D. D. G. M. Not only does it put new life into those who attend, but it tends to unite the brethren more closely together.

It was my intention to follow the example of my predecessor and visit every Lodge in the District, but owing to a death in my family I was unable to visit five of the Lodges, and I assure you no one regrets it more than myself.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I called two Lodges of Instruction, one at Thamesville on June the 1st, which was well patronized and great interest shown. The first degree was exemplified by brethren from

Chatham, who were called upon on very short notice, owing to the officers of Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, being unavoidably absent, they being expected to confer the first. The degree was exemplified in a faultless manner. The second was given by the officers of Sydenham Lodge, of Dresden, in very good style and finish. The third degree was conferred by the officers of Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville, in an excellent manner, great credit being due to Past Master Dr. Fraser for his great care and correctness of work.

The other was called for Tilbury Centre on June the 14th, which was also very well attended. Owing to sickness in my family I was unable to be present, but R. W. Bro. Wm. Milner kindly presided in my absence, and to him I must attribute the report of this meeting. The first degree was given by the officers of Central Lodge, Essex. The second by officers of Parvaim Lodge, Comber, and the third by the officers of Naphtali Lodge, Tilbury Centre, and I feel called upon to use the very highest words of praise to the officers of each Lodge for their more than ordinary ability in the execution of the work. The Tilbury brethren in particular, deserve if possible, still greater credit for their untiring efforts to make all comfortable who attended. Many distinguished brethren attended the Lodges of Instruction, among whom I might mention R. W. Bros. R. B. Hungerford, of London; B. Paine and J. A. C. Anderson, of Ridgetown; H. F. Jell, of Rodney, and T. C. Macnabb and Wm. Milner, of Chatham, and I take this opportunity of again thanking the brethren of the different Lodges for their able assistance in carrying out to completion such successful Lodges of Instruction.

VISITS.

My first official visit was to Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg. There were about fifty present. W. Bro. H. Morris opened and closed in the three degrees, and Past Master Bro. Davis conferred the second degree very acceptably. This Lodge is composed of good material, but requires to have more attention paid to the working of the degrees.

The books are kept in excellent shape by Bro. Parker. The following Past Masters were present: W. Bros. Scott, Jackson and Shamblau.

On the 20th of March I visited McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne. Unfortunately the W. M. could not be present, but W. Bro. J. J. Stalker very ably filled the chair in the east, and at my request opened and closed in the three degrees, which he certainly did in a faultless manner. There was an attendance of about twenty. The Lodge has very comfortable

rooms of their own, and by this time expect they are entirely free from debt. Had the pleasure of meeting my immediate predecessor R. W. Bro. Jell, as well as W. Bros. F. Plastau, F. W. Kirkpatrick, W. Morris, of Rodney Lodge, and Bros. McLean, P. Stalker and J. Gillis, Past Master of McColl Lodge.

I visited Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury Centre, on the 27th of March, about twenty-five being present. The W. M., for some reason, failed to attend. The third degree was conferred on two candidates by two Past Masters of the Lodge, W. Bros. J. W. Richardson and J. R. Palmer, who unexpectedly were called upon to confer the degrees, and under the circumstances they did exceedingly well. This is one of the best working Lodges in the District—the Past Masters taking an active interest. They have recently had their rooms enlarged, and new ante rooms added, which makes it very comfortable. Past Masters J. Edgecombe, W. A. Hutton and W. J. Moffat were also present.

On Friday, March the 29th, had the pleasure of visiting Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville. It was an emergency meeting, about fifty being present. This is without doubt one of the best working Lodges in the District. Wor. Bro. Dr. Fraser conferred the third degree in an excellent manner, ably assisted by the other officers, who are all very enthusiastic Masons. The Past Masters take an active interest, among whom I noticed Bros. J. A. Langford, B. Gregory, John Davidson, Dr. Stewart, E. H. Maran, S. Hoyle and W. B. Albertson. Bros. Jos. Turner and B. Crumb, the J. W. and I. G. of Wellington Lodge, Chatham, accompanied me. W. Bro. Stewart, the W. M., who was recently elected, could open and close in the three degrees, and confer the first degree, and before now I have no doubt can very creditably do all the work.

Visited Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden, on Thursday, April the 12th, and found a very good attendance awaiting me. The W. M., W. Bro. Wm. McVean, very ably filled the chair in the East. Not having any work on hand he opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner which shows that he, as well as the rest of the officers, are very well up in the work. The books are very well kept by W. Bro. D. V. Hicks.

Paid an official visit to Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex Centre, on the 18th of April. There were about thirty-five present. This is a very good Lodge in every way. The W. M., W. Bro. C. L. Cressweller, conferred the first degree on two candidates in an almost perfect manner, as did also W. Bro. Cunningham, who conferred the second. All the officers

are well up in the work, with probably the exception of the Deacons, who need a little more drilling to bring them up to the standard of the balance of the officers. This Lodge is entirely free from debt, and is in a splendid condition. The Secretary, Bro. Alex. Wallace, certainly is the right man for that position.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Milner accompanied me to Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney, Thursday the 19th of April, and this Lodge, for the number of members, was without exception the best attended of any during my visits. I fully expected to see the work well done, and in this I was not disappointed. W. Bro. W. Morris, the W. M., can open and close in the three degrees, as well as confer the first, and before this he is no doubt able to do all the work in keeping with the high standard of Rodney Lodge. R. W. Bro. H. F. Jell conferred the second in such a manner as to leave no doubt about his not growing rusty. W. Bro. Dr. S. M. Dorland conferred the third as well as it can be done by any W. M. in the District. There were eighteen Past Masters present, had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, who, as well as R. W. Bro. Wm. Milner, complimented the officers on the proficient manner in which the work was done as well as giving some very good advice.

Visited Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate, on the 20th of April and am pleased to say this Lodge is as deserving now as in the past of being rated as among our best working Lodges. W. Bro. J. G. Crosby, who was ably assisted by T. H. Ridley, S. W., J. W. Bailey, J. W., as well as the remaining officers, conferred the first degree in a manner entirely beyond criticism. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Paine and Anderson as well as V. W. Bro. Middleditch, of Howard Lodge, and following Past Masters, Dr. P. M. Davy, W. Watson, Dt. McPhail and J. Murray.

On the 16th of May visited Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell. This Lodge I am sorry to say, needs considerable practice before it can be rated on a par with most of the Lodges in the district. However, a great many of the brethren live at a considerable distance, and to the credit of the Tyler, he has driven over bad roads as far as fifteen miles to be present. They have decided to hold Lodges of Instruction every Wednesday evening. The W. M. and Bro. W. Hickey will have it in hand and hope to put new life into the brethren.

Visited Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence, on the 17th of May, and it being a very disagreeable night there was a very small attendance. Florence Lodge is in one sense the weak-

est in the district, but I am pleased to say that it is only in numbers. As far as good work and finances are concerned, they are in a good position. Owing to their limited field, the W. M. Bro. Walter Drew has his doubts as to continuing in the face of the difficulty of procuring a quorum, there not being enough members in the village, there being only four, and the balance of officers and brethren live some of them at considerable distance. I encouraged them to hold out for a time and their prospects may brighten. As well as meeting P. Masters Clark and R. H. Eintgen, had the pleasure of having with us W. Bros. J. B. Carscallen and Laird, both of Sydenham Lodge, Dresden.

Was welcomed to Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe, on May the 18th by a committee who met me at the station and very kindly conducted me around this thriving and prosperous town. Lorne Lodge can be said to be in a fairly good condition, although they have recently met with the misfortune of having their rooms destroyed by fire. Very fortunately they saved all the furniture, and like all shrewd Lodges had their property insured, and made a very satisfactory settlement with the company. They have temporary rooms in the top flat of a dwelling. The W. M. Bro. J. J. Barnwell has recently moved to London, but to his credit is always in his place on meeting nights. He is certainly a painstaking W. M. which is also the case with the Secretary, R. W. Bro. Dr. Lumley, who is one of the mainstays of the Lodge. No work being on hand, the brethren opened and closed in the three degrees, and I have no doubt, as was said by many of the brethren present that the officers never did worse, being considerably confused, and am satisfied that the work can be creditably done by the W. M. and officers.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber, was the next Lodge that I visited, and I was well pleased with the manner in which the work was done, as well as the attendance. Besides opening and closing in the three degrees, the W. M. Bro. C. W. Schern and officers very ably conferred the second degree. This Lodge is in an excellent condition in every way. The following Past Masters were present : A. J. Brown, Dr. C. W. Anderson and Dr. R. H. Abbott, any of whom can at any time confer the degrees. They take an active interest in the Lodge.

On my visit on the 21st of May to Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville, found the brethren had made extensive preparations for a large meeting, having sent out invitations to the neighboring Lodges, all of whom had accepted the same, but unfortunately the weather turned out to be the worst I

had experienced in all my visits. Am very pleased to say the W. M., Bro. Dr. McKillop, and officers, exemplified the second degree in the most correct and impressive manner that I have ever had the pleasure of seeing. Would especially make mention of the very impressive rendering of the lecture by the S. W., Bro. A. Monroe, Past Masters Dr. H. A. Wilson, A. Purcell, G. S. Fleming, D. Johnson and E. Aitcheson, were present.

Visited Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor, on the 8th of June. There was an exceedingly large attendance, and I am free to say I have never seen the third degree better, if as well, conferred as it was by the W. M., Bro. E. Wigle, and officers. This W. Bro. is without doubt one of the very best workers in the District, and a very painstaking and enthusiastic Mason. The degree was conferred in a manner which showed that a great deal of time must have been spent by the W. M. and his very able officers in perfecting the work. The W. M. is certainly to be congratulated on having such an exceptionally fine staff of officers, every one of whom is most perfect in the work assigned to his position. Windsor Lodge certainly deserves the title of being the finest in the District. Among others I noticed R. W. Bros. Clark and Dr. Allworth present.

R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb very kindly relieved me of my appointment of visiting Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, on Thursday, June the 21st, by attending in my place. He reported a very good attendance and had the pleasure of seeing the first degree exceedingly well performed by the W. M., Bro. Geo. K. Prowse, and officers. He had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Clark and also W. Bro. E. Wigle, W. M., of Windsor Lodge. I am pleased to state that the very best harmony prevails between the two Windsor Lodges.

My official visit to Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham, was made on Thursday the 28th of June, and this being my mother Lodge would refer you to the reports of this Lodge by my predecessors, and I can safely say it is now, under the able guidance of W. Bro. R. J. Birch and officers, in a very prosperous condition and the standard of work is even better than before.

Wednesday, July the 4th, found me again in the Chatham Lodge Room, it being my official visit to Parthenon Lodge, No. 267. W. Bro. Rankin is deserving of the highest praise in his untiring efforts to infuse life into the members and bring Parthenon up to its old time standard. June last he was re-elected W. M., the balances of the offices being newly filled. The elected officers were unable to work the third degree

which was conferred by the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. C. Cape as S. W. and Bro. Jos. Winterburn as J. W. in a very creditable manner. Parthenon Lodge has a fairly bright year before it.

The Secretaries of a great many of the Lodges are careless in not sending in their returns more promptly, more particularly it is noticeable in not acquainting the D. D. G. M. with the names of brethren who have died during the year, and on this account I have been unable to make my report complete, and I sincerely hope my successors may not have to complain of this matter. The lodges which I regret to say I was unable to visit were: Leamington, of Leamington; St. George, of Kingsville; Howard, of Ridgetown; Kent, of Blenheim; and Thistle, of Amherstburg; but from what I have heard from reliable sources they are all in excellent condition. The Ridgetown and Blenheim brethren have recently had their rooms completely over-hauled, making them very comfortable and attractive. I issued the following dispensations, all of which were for the purpose of attending Divine Worship.

To Parthenon, of Chatham; Parviam, of Comber; Hammond, of Wardsville; Leamington, of Leamington; Kent, of Blenheim; Wellington, of Chatham; and Naphtali, of Tilbury Centre.

DEATHS.

As well as I can ascertain the following brethren have passed away since June, 1893: Bro. Robert Ferguson, S. D., and Bro. Robert Dobson, J. D., both of Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, and Bro. C. L. Von Gunten, of Wellington Lodge, Chatham.

I would be very ungrateful if I did not return my heartfelt thanks to R.W. Bros. William Milner, Thomas C. Macnabb and James Birch, for their kindness in assisting me in my labors.

While the work done in nearly all the Lodges is highly satisfactory; it is to be regretted that so little attention is paid to collecting dues, and I have endeavored to the best of my ability to bring the importance of this matter before the different Lodges, and sincerely hope that next year will see a great improvement in the amount of arrearage.

In conclusion I desire to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of Erie District for the very kind and courteous manner in which they have received me on all occasions. Having elected me one year ago to the honorable position of D. D. G. M., I now surrender the gavel of office to my successor, wishing him as pleasant and as harmonious a year as that just ended.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. H. VON GUNTEN, D. D. G. M.,
Erie District, No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's conferred			Restorations.	Resignations, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.					Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
34	Thistle	Anherstburg.	38	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$30 00	34	\$258 75	'93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	\$600 00
41	St George's	Kingsville	115	15	0	9	7	6	0	0	1	13	14	27	24	17 00	0	2 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	1400 00
46	Wellington	Chatham	50	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	13	5	25	15	60 00	2	175 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
47	Gt West ru	Windsor	46	4	0	4	3	4	0	2	6	0	13	3	16	18	19	175 00	Jan. 3, '94.	Fair.	never better	Yes	400 00
215	Tecumseh	Dresden	58	6	4	6	0	0	1	4	0	0	13	14	20	22 00	0	100 00	June 21, '93	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	500 00
255	Sydenham	Chatham	54	12	3	10	6	5	2	0	1	0	14	2	16	20	17	100 00	June 21, '93	Fair.	Good.	Yes	400 00
257	Parthenon	Blenheim	37	0	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	13	3	16	10	15	100 00	Dec. 31, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
271	Kent	Glencoe	71	1	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	1	15	20	15	100 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	400 00
282	Lorne	Leamington	83	4	0	4	5	8	1	3	1	0	9	2	11	10	6	100 00	July 23, '93.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	500 00
312	Lenington	Wallaceburg	22	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	9	2	11	10	12	110 00	Dec. '93.	Good.	Very good.	Yes	None.
327	Hammond	Wardsville	41	5	0	5	5	7	1	0	0	1	12	4	15	27	45 00	13	75 00	June, '92	Fair.	No	100 00
331	Hughgate	Hughgate	37	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	12	2	25 00	8	45 00	Dec., '93.	Good.	Not very gd	Yes	125 00
334	McColl	West Lorne	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	0	23	77 00	June, '93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
330	Florence	Florence	70	6	4	4	4	2	0	3	0	0	10	0	10	17	6	50 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	270 00
331	Howard	Ridgeway	41	9	2	9	8	7	0	0	0	0	13	9	22	20	13	96 57	July 18, '93.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	500 00
395	Parvair	Conber	50	3	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	15	3	18	15	22	213 03	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	800 00
402	Central	Essex Centre	81	15	0	11	10	8	6	0	1	0	13	2	32	21	10	78 23	June, '93	Good.	Good.	No	210 00
403	Windsor	Windsor	32	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	14	1	15	13	0	38 00	July 1, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	160 00
411	Rodney	Rodney	25	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
413	Naphtali	Tilbury Centre	25	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
422	1st of the East	Bothwell	25	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN.

I have the honor to present to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Second Masonic District :

Having been elected to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, I have endeavored to perform the duties of that high office to the best of my ability, and I trust to the satisfaction of all concerned. I endeavored to time all my visits at regular meetings, with one exception. My first official act was the appointing of Bro. the Rev. W. Thomas, member of Havelock Lodge, No. 238, District Chaplain, and Bro. H. Williams, also member of Havelock Lodge, District Secretary, and I assure you I am greatly indebted to them for many kind services and prompt attention entrusted to them. For these favors I return them my sincere thanks.

The following is a brief account of official visits, with dates and comments :

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie : Visited this Lodge at a regular meeting on August 23rd, 1894, accompanied by R. Wor. Bro. A. E. Harvey. The W. M., H. Symington, and junior officers all present. W. Bro. Symington initiated two candidates in a very able and impressive manner. The W. M. is to be congratulated on his assistants, all having done their several parts well. The members' dues are well paid up, few arrears, and the Secretary's books are a credit to himself and to the Lodge. Members present, 31 ; visitors, 3.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs : Visited this Lodge at a regular meeting on August 31st, 1893. In the absence of the W. M. who had left the village, the chair was occupied by R. W. Bro. W. Miller. I was sorry to find a lack of interest in this Lodge, caused doubtless by the long absence of the W. M., Dr. Hanks, but with the assistance of W. Bro. Miller and Senior Warden Bro. Graham, I am hopeful of improvement. The work of the evening was one raising and two initiations, which was fairly well done considering the lack of interest in this Lodge. Financially this Lodge is very well situated, owning the building and dues all well paid up. Members present, 12 ; visitors, 3.

Washington Lodge, No. 265, Petrolia : Visited this Lodge at a regular meeting on September 5th. The W. M., W. Bro.

Marshall, and all junior officers, excepting the S. W., present. As no work was on hand I requested the W. M. to open in the three degrees, which was fairly well done. Members present, 25 ; visitors, 9. I again visited this Lodge March 7th, 1894. W. Bro. Marshall and all junior officers present. The work being a first and second, was rendered fairly well, the Wardens and Deacons doing their part exceedingly well. There is much enthusiasm manifest in this Lodge, and under the care of W. Bro. Marshall, he having been re-elected, the Lodge is bound to continue improving. Finances good, and dues well paid up. Members present, 27 ; visitors, 10.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward: Visited this Lodge September 11th, 1893. W. M. and all junior officers present. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and one candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. The W. M.'s rendition of the Ritual was beautiful and impressive, other officers well up in their parts, with the exception of J. D., whom I took occasion to say required a little brushing up. The J. W.'s lecture was excellent, when allowing for its being his first attempt. Considering the disadvantages under which it is situated, Bismarck Lodge is doing well, and continues holding its place as formerly ; but so many of the brethren having removed makes it harder for it to keep to the front. I am pleased to report dues well paid up, and the Secretary's books a pattern of neatness. Members present, 20 ; visitors, 10.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford : I visited this Lodge September 19th, 1893. W. M., S. Howden, in the chair. Junior officers all present, with the exception of J. D. and I. G. The work of the evening was one initiation, which was well done, after which the Lodge was duly opened in the three degrees. I can speak for the efficiency of all the officers, having visited several times during my term. Members dues are fairly well paid up, but room for improvement. The prospects of this Lodge are excellent, as the newly elected W. M., W. Bro. F. G. Mitchell (assisted by his Senior and Junior Wardens), is very popular, his zeal and enthusiasm for Masonry being very marked. Members present, 11 ; visitors, 4. I again visited this Lodge April 17th, and had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Newell, P. D. D. G. M. of this District. Members present, 28.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397 Brigden: I visited this Lodge September 27th, 1893, at the regular meeting. Was much pleased to find enthusiasm and great interest manifested by all the brethren of this Lodge, and under the watchful eye of some of the best posted Masons in the District, the younger members

will combine in bringing this Lodge amongst the foremost in the District ere long. The work of the evening was one raising, and both the W. M. and junior officers are to be commended on the excellent manner the work was exemplified. The Secretary's books are a pattern of neatness, and W. Bro. Ward may feel proud to invite inspection. Members present, 18; visitors, 8.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: Visited this Lodge, October 19th, 1893, accompanied by several brethren from Have-lock Lodge. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Harvey, P. D. D. G. M. The work was initiation, passing and raising, which was exceedingly well done by W. Bro. Green, R. W. Bro. Harvey, and W. Bro. Collins. I have no desire to flatter, but would say that for correct rendition of ritual Burns Lodge stands second to none in the District, and just so long as the present interest is manifested by the brethren and under the watchful eye of V. W. Bro. Wilson, and R. W. Bro. Harvey, this Lodge is bound to prosper. It is a pleasure for any brother to visit this Lodge, and you will note a decided contrast in the reports of Burns Lodge now and some five or more years ago, the reasons for which are obvious. I understand these brethren contemplate erecting more suitable quarters; this is a move in the right direction, but not before it is badly needed, of which my predecessor made similar remarks. The secretary's books are well kept, but dues not as well paid as might be. Present, members, 42; visitors, 12.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: On Oct. 23rd, 1893, I visited this Lodge accompanied by W. Bro. F. Kenwood. Had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Holwell and W. D. Griggs and Wor. Bro. Porte, of Forest. W. M. and all junior officers present. Candidate being present, having proved his proficiency in former degree, was duly passed in a very efficient manner, all officers doing their part. A most enjoyable time was spent after the Lodge closed. Secretary's books well kept and dues fairly well paid up. Members present including visitors, 28.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: Visited this Lodge Oct. 25th, 1893, W. M., W. Bro. Porte, in the chair, and all other officers present. The attendance as usual was good. The work well and creditably performed, a most pleasing feature of which was the efficient manner in which candidates proved their proficiency in former degrees, which is invariably insisted on before advancement. The Lodge is in an extremely healthy condition, the Secretary most efficient, the W. M. and Wardens all that could be desired, and members on the whole faithful Masonic students, anxious to carry out our

glorious principles ; with such characteristics the future of the Lodge is assured.

St. John's, No. 81, Mount Brydges : Visited this Lodge Dec. 19th, 1893. The W. M. unfortunately being ill, W. Bro. P. M. Sawyer officiated. I had the pleasure of R. W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead's company this evening. I had also the pleasure of meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. Lindsay, the Secretary, whose books are a credit and pleasure to look over. I was sorry to see that he deemed it necessary to resign the position as he has brought the brethren's accounts into a most satisfactory condition. The work exemplified was one initiation, which was fairly well done, only that a good deal of the old work was introduced. This being the night for election, and W. Bro. Sawyer elected W. M., I am satisfied he will adopt the revised work for future. This is one of the best appointed Lodges in the district, owning the Lodge building and little or no debt on the same now. Members present, 29 ; visitors, 12.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia : Visited this Lodge January 16th, 1894. W. Bro. Lambert presiding, all junior officers present. This being the W. M.'s first attempt at officiating, I was agreeably surprised to see the efficient manner in which he handled the business of initiating one and passing one. The Wardens also did their parts well, the lectures in both degrees being very impressive, and therefore instructive. In looking over back reports it is pleasing to find that Victoria Lodge is again coming back to its old standard in years gone by, and I feel well satisfied the brethren made no mistake when entrusting the gavel to W. Bro. Lambert. It is sad to note that no less than six members have been removed from this Lodge by death since Grand Lodge met last year, among whom is V. W. Bro. C. Mole, the efficient Secretary, and I feel sure Victoria Lodge has lost a zealous and enthusiastic Brother. The Secretary's books are well kept, and members' dues well paid up. Members present, 16 ; visitors, 22.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne : Visited this Lodge January 17th, 1894. This being Installation of Officers by Dispensation I duly installed them, and from the interest manifested I hope to see a marked improvement all round. The members being chiefly farmers, the attendance is somewhat limited at times, still this Lodge is doing fairly well, dues well paid up, and the books will compare favorably with much more successful Lodges. Members present, 14.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Port Lampton : Visited this Lodge March 20th, 1894. This being the youngest Lodge in the District I am well pleased to report that from the W. M.

down all the officers are well up in the work. After a candidate was duly initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry I requested the W. M. to open up in the three degrees, proving conclusively that the brethren are well versed in the work. The Secretary's books are kept in a neat and correct manner. Dues not as well paid up as they ought to be. As the American brethren frequently exchange visits with this Lodge, it has a tendency to keep up the interest so much desired. Members present, 24 ; visitors, 8.

Moore Lodge, 294, late of Mooretown : Visited this Lodge February 13th, 1894. On my arrival I was sorry to find that the W. M., R. W. Bro. Dr. Armstrong had not carried out my request by causing the brethren to be summoned, giving as his reason that he could not obtain a quorum. He, however, was kind enough to give me all the information I asked for, and I then felt satisfied that some definite action must be taken in order to resuscitate this Lodge, otherwise I felt sure that the Lodge would soon be obliterated. I at once advised the M. W. the Grand Master of the condition of affairs and asked for a commission to investigate matters, which he was pleased to grant at once, appointing R. W. Bros. J. P. Whitehead, A. E. Harvey and myself. We as a commission visited Moore Lodge on the 27th March, and had the pleasure of meeting with twelve or fourteen of the members. I am exceedingly sorry to have to say that we met with the strongest opposition from a quarter where we certainly should have expected the greatest assistance. In fact everything was done to hinder our duties as a commission and later in the removal of the Lodge to Courtright. I had therefore to adopt the strongest measures in order to carry out the M. W. the Grand Master's instructions. A full report of proceedings having been duly submitted, we as commission recommended the removal of Moore Lodge, No. 294, to Courtright, which the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to authorize being done. I therefore took the necessary steps to have the furniture and paraphernalia of Moore Lodge removed at once, having ascertained that suitable quarters were available, and caused all the members of Moore Lodge to be summoned to meet in Courtright on the 24th day of April for the purpose of electing and afterwards installing a new staff officers. I was much pleased at the enthusiasm manifested by the brethren on this my third visit to this Lodge. I found they had provided a beautiful room, not very large, but ample for present requirements, and neatly furnished. After having filled each and every chair with visiting brethren, I caused the dispensation authorizing the election and installation to be read. After the election of

officers was completed I duly installed them, being ably assisted by W. Bro. Ward, secretary of Leopold Lodge, No. 397, W. Bro. Lambert, W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, and the S. W. Bro. S. H. Johnston, together with other visiting brethren. Under the care of W. Bro. Wilkinson, assisted by the junior officers, I am satisfied that Moore Lodge will very soon again rank as one of the leading Lodges in the District. After some of the visiting brethren had favored us with some excellent advice and encouragement, the Lodge was duly closed, when the W. M. invited us all to partake of a sumptuous repast. I cannot speak with too much praise of the untiring exertions and interest manifested by both W. Bro. Wilkinson and Bro. W. Brown, the secretary, who both afforded me untold assistance in placing Moore Lodge in its present situation. Members present, 14; visitors, 30

Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, Petrolea: I visited this Lodge officially February 2nd, 1894. The W. M., Bro. Smith, and all other officers present. The work of the evening was a passing which, allowing for the fact that this was the beginning of the year and about the first work attempted by the subordinate officers, was very well done, the W. M. exceptionally good, also the Deacon, but I was disappointed to see that proper care and attention had not been given to the candidate, who was in no way able to prove his proficiency in the former degree. I therefore took occasion to show the W. M. and brethren the injustice they were not only doing to the candidate, but also to their own Lodge and themselves. Present, 32. I again visited this Lodge May 23rd, 1894, the work for the evening being two raisings. The W. M. being unavoidably absent, the work was done by W. Bros. Burgess and Jackson. Having given them no intimation of my second visit, I was therefore much pleased to find a marked improvement in the candidates when before the Wardens, which went without saying that my previous visit had done good, both candidates proving their proficiency in a very satisfactory manner. Petrolea Lodge along with its sister Lodge Washington, are both in a very prosperous condition, and while V. Wor. Bro. Scott has charge of the books, there is no danger of dues, etc., falling behind. The books are like many others in the district, a pattern of neatness. Members present, 18; visitors, 8.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: I visited this Lodge February 15th, 1894, accompanied by several brethren from Havelock, No. 238. The W. M. and all other officers present. This being the beginning of W. Bro. Batchelor's term, I was agreeably surprised to find he could deliver and handle the work just as efficiently as older heads. He duly initiated a

candidate into the mysteries of F. M. in a most able and I consider a very impressive manner, and I feel quite satisfied that Arkona Lodge made no mistake when entrusting the gavel to W. Bro. Batchelor. The W. M. having caused Bro. Wisely to give proof of his proficiency, W. Bro. P. M. Thoman proceeded to pass him in his old time cool and impressive way. The action of Arkona Lodge in allowing no brother to go over a year without either paying his dues or showing cause, is highly to be commended, and many much more prosperous Lodges might profit from the example. The interest manifested by the brethren of this Lodge is very marked, the Lodge being in a very healthy and prosperous state. Secretary's books in very good shape and dues well paid. Members present, 26.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: Visited this Lodge February 21st, 1894, accompanied by Bro. W. E. Fitzgerald, and had the pleasure of meeting Rt. Wor. Bro. Jas. Gowan. W. M. Bro. D Sinclair presiding. All other officers present, less the J. W. No work being on hand I requested the W. M. to open in the several degrees, which was fairly well done, only that the junior officers want practice. The W. M. exemplified the secret work in each degree, showing that with very little application he would be again perfect in that respect. I embraced the opportunity of setting them right and correcting any errors, at the same time giving what encouragement I could. Unfortunately this Lodge met with a very heavy loss by fire on the 15th of September, 1893, losing everything but the books. I was pleased to find, however, that they had pulled matters together, and were, on my visiting them, in a fair way to progress. They certainly deserve much credit for the interest manifested in getting everything in good shape again. All this Lodge wants is good material and plenty of work. The books are in fairly good shape and dues well in hand. Members present, 16.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: I visited this Lodge February 16th, 1894, accompanied by Bro. H. Williams, District Secretary. It being a very fine evening, and fortunately good roads, I had therefore the advantage of my predecessors, meeting with a fair representation of the members, which goes to show that although they are scattered for miles around, do not omit attending when summoned, provided the weather is such as to admit of their doing so. W. M., W. Bro. Sutherland, presided. No work forthcoming, the W. M. proceeded to open up in the several degrees, and considering that degree work seems to be something of the past in this Lodge, no work having been done for some time past, he did very well indeed. We spent a very enjoyable hour discussing Masonic

matters, as usual R. W. Bro. Calvert, P. D. D. G. M., being on hand. A genuine fraternal feeling permeates this Lodge, and a visitor is at once struck with the brotherly feeling manifested. After Lodge closed all partook of a very sumptuous repast. I shall long remember the fraternal feelings manifested by the brethren of Ionic Lodge. Present, 17.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy : Visited this Lodge March 23rd, 1894. The attendance was a good one. The W. M. is an excellent worker ; the officers are all well up in their duties ; the Secretary, Bro. Cockburn, has his books in thoroughly good order. This Lodge, I anticipate, has a bright prospect before it. The W. M., W. Bro. Dampier, and officers, all appear to take a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and from the material of which it is composed, I feel assured of its prosperity. I also had much pleasure to meet on this occasion a number of London brethren, R. W. Bros Hungerford, Whitehead and Lindsay. The work of the evening was one initiation, which was absolutely perfect, each and every officer doing his part strictly in harmony with the revised work, the J. W. lecture being beautiful and impressive. Members present, 40 ; visitors, 17.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted six Dispensations during the year to Burns Lodge, No. 153 ; Petrolia, No. 260 ; Beaver, No. 83 ; Alexandra, No. 158 ; Leopold, No. 397 ; Victoria, No. 56,—all for the purpose of attending divine service. I also procured Dispensations for Election and Installation on other than the regular appointed dates for Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, and Moore Lodge, No. 294, the fees for which have been duly remitted to Grand Lodge.

REMUNERATION.

I can say nothing further than repeat my predecessor's words. Every Lodge in this District has contributed liberally in defraying my expenses.

SUSPENSIONS.

None have been reported to me other than as shown in the tabulated statement.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

I called a Lodge of Instruction in Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, January 10th, 1894. The work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Ward, P. M., of Leopold Lodge, No. 397, in the second W. Bro. F. Kennedy, P. M. of Huron Lodge, No. 392, and in the the third by W. Bro. T. B. George, W. M., of Bismarck Lodge, No. 419. All of these brethren showed

remarkable proficiency in their duties, and they had able co-operation from the junior officers. I invited free criticism from the brethren present, of whom there was a very large attendance, at the evening session especially, and a most fraternal exchange of views took place. I had able assistance from R. W. Bros. J. P. Whitehead, Sinclair, and A. E. Harvey, also other leading brethren who kindly attended. At the closing of the work a most pleasing feature of the proceedings was a presentation of a full P. D. D. G. M's. regalia to R. W. Bro. A. E. Harvey, presented in the name of the brethren of the second Masonic District by R. W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead.

It was my intention to hold a second Lodge of Instruction in the town of Strathroy, under the auspices of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, but was sorry to find that I was unable to do so, owing to my business engagements.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Nine deaths have been reported to me during the past year, amongst whom I might mention V. W. Bro. C. Mole, of Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, and in his demise the Mascons of Sarnia lost a most exemplary and enthusiastic brother.

In conclusion I wish to express my fraternal thanks to the brethren of St. Clair District No. 2, for the unbounded courtesies extended to me. It has been a most happy year to me endeavoring to do my duty as the representative of the Grand Master. I can never forget their kindness and fraternal actions, and I can only hope my acts have received their cordial approval. I retire from the responsible position feeling that the condition of Masonry is steadily improving, and trusting that my successor may find the interests of Masonry still more progressive at the end of his term. The tabulated statement attached I trust will fill in any and all omissions.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

F. GOODIER, D. D. G. M.,

St. Clair District, No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Men.		Degree's		Meet-ings held.			Amount paid for relief.		No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.		Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.					
56 Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	59	6	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	7	\$ 16 00	\$15 00	Jan. 23, '94.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	\$ 300 00
81 St John's Mt. Brydges....	St. John's Mt. Brydges....	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	24 00	24 00	Dec. 30, '93.	Good.	Very good.	Yes	1500 00
83 Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	101	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	278 93	278 93	Dec. 27, '93.	A 1.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
116 Cassia.....	Theftford.....	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4 50	15 00	June 27, '93.	\$388 45	Good.	Yes	Yes
153 Burns.....	Weymouth.....	65	9	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	13	108 75	50 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
158 Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	45	1	1	9	10	1	1	1	1	8	70 00	.....	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1000 00
191 Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	94	7	6	3	3	2	1	1	1	23	73 00	.....	Dec. 27, '93.	\$600 00	Good.	Yes	250 00
238 Havelock.....	Watford.....	70	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	34	265 25	29 00	June 21, '94.	92 77	Good.	Yes	300 00
260 Washin'tn.....	Petrolia.....	76	4	6	5	4	1	1	1	1	20	111 75	58 25	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	None
263 Forest.....	Forest.....	63	6	3	5	6	7	1	2	1	20	90 00	.....	June, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	500 00
294 Moore.....	Conright.....	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	92 25	.....	May 5, '94.	Midd'ng	Very good.	Yes	None.
307 Arkona.....	Arkona.....	45	4	2	4	4	3	3	7	2	1	3 09	15 00	Jan. 11, '94.	\$85 00	Good.	Yes	None.
324 Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	50 00	5 00	Feb., '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	.....
328 Napier.....	Napier.....	31	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	47 00	.....	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	500 00
364 Dunferm.....	Melbourne.....	52	4	3	4	3	1	2	2	1	7	60 00	50 00	Jan., '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	.....
392 Huron.....	Cambridge.....	37	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	14	137 00	.....	Dec. 27, '93.	Very good.	Good.	Yes	185 00
397 Leopold.....	Brigden.....	70	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	60 00	.....	Dec. 27, '93.	\$200 00	Good.	Yes	.....
419 Bismarck.....	Point Edward.....	40	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	19	100 00	45 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	219 00
425 St Clair.....	Port Lambton.....	40	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	19	100 00	45 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	219 00

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor to present to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in London District, No. 3.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale : My first official visit was paid to this Lodge on Tuesday, the 19th September, when I was accompanied by W. Bro. Campbell, I. P. M., of Kilwinning, 64. Am pleased to say I found the Lodge in a very prosperous condition. The W. M., W. Bro. Griffith opened and closed in the three degrees in a very correct manner. Owing to a severe cold he was unable to confer the first degree, which was ably done by W. Bro. Weekes, and the regular officers of the Lodge, the J. W.'s lecture being well delivered. The brethren own their Lodge Room, which is in every way convenient. Dues are well paid, only one brother being two years in arrears.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London : On Monday, the 9th October, I visited this Lodge. The first degree was conferred upon three candidates in a fairly creditable manner. W. Bro. Hampton is a good presiding officer and worker, but does not receive the necessary support from his subordinates, with the exception of the S. W., who is a thoroughly capable officer ; the chairs are very weakly filled ; the J. W.'s lecture was not given, and I am informed never has been by that officer. The Secretary, W. Bro. Stewart, is very efficient, and keeps his books in good shape. Dues are well paid up. On the 12th February, 1894, I paid a second visit to this Lodge, and installed Bro. Gardener as W. M., he being unavoidably absent at the general installation in December. Immediately after installation, W. Bro. Gardener conferred the third degree in a faultless manner. Under his firm and able guidance I have no doubt that Union Lodge will prosper in the coming year.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford : Visited this Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th October, accompanied by W. Bros. Cooper and Vanston, and Bro. Kingston. There being no work the W. M., W. Bro. O'Neill, opened and closed in the three degrees very correctly. The lodge is well officered, work at present seems scarce, the financial position is sound. In the year 1891 their Lodge Room was burned down, and since then the members have met in the Orange Hall. This, I think, in a great measure accounts for present inactivity.

There is no possible excuse for this state of affairs ; the brethren own a good village lot, and are financially in a position to be properly housed. I tried to impress the brethren with the necessity of immediate action, and am pleased to say that before leaving steps were being taken to bring the members together with a view to business. The Secretary, W. Bro. Dundas, has his books in good order and looks well after the dues, which I am pleased to say are particularly well paid.

The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London : On Friday evening, the 27th October, a fraternal visit was paid this Lodge by the W. M., officers and members of Merrill Lodge, No. 344, when they conferred the first degree on two candidates in a very able and correct manner. The meeting was a large one, the city and rural Lodges being well represented. On Monday, the 6th November, 1893, I officially visited this Lodge and am well pleased to report continued progress. Two candidates were raised to the sublime degree—the W. M., W. Bro. Vanston, conferring one degree, and W. Bro. McWhinney the other. Both were very correctly done, the subordinate officers being particularly well up in their work. I regret to say that the collection of dues has not received the attention it should, fifty-six members owing some \$400. This I trust will entirely disappear next month, for in no Lodge in the District is this state of affairs so uncalled for. On the 7th May, again visited this Lodge, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter many distinguished brethren, viz : M. W. Bro. Spry, R. W. Bros. Munson and Dewar, V. W. Burke, and P. M's. from every Lodge in the city. W. Bro. Batzner and officers conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory manner. A very pleasing feature of this meeting was the presentation by R. W. Bro. Porte on behalf of the Tuscan Lodge, of a P. G. S. W's. Regalia to R. W. Bro. Barker. It may justly be said that London's loss will be Toronto's gain.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London East : On Tuesday, the 7th November, I visited this Lodge accompanied by W. Bro. McWhinney. The third degree was ably exemplified by the W. M., W. Bro. Kennedy. This may be said to be almost a military Lodge, and it is certainly a pleasure to see the precision with which the officers move about the room ; the sharpness of their salutations may well be copied by all of the city Lodges. W. Bro. Kennedy is a capable presiding officer and a correct worker. The Lodge Room is neat, with an air of comfort about it, well furnished and in every way convenient. Under V. W. Bro. Simpson the dues are well collected, but one member being two years in arrears.

St. John's, No. 209a, London: On Thursday, the 9th November, I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge and witnessing the exemplification of the second degree by the W. M., W. Bro. Ryckart. This is one of the two Lodges permitted to use the American ritual, and from the W. M. to the Inner Guard the work is done practically as near perfection as possible. The chairs are all well filled, and the officers appear to vie with each other in the discharge of their several duties. The question of dues does not receive the attention expected from this banner Lodge. Out of one hundred and seventy-one members some sixty appear over one year in arrears, and eight over two years; for this there is no excuse as the dues are only \$3 per annum, and the brethren well able to pay. On Thursday, the 17th May, I again visited this Lodge, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The third degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Kingston, in a most impressive and faultless manner. Without in any way wishing to disparage the many faultless workers that have in the past presided over this Lodge, I think the present W. M., W. Bro. Kingston is without an equal, not only in the exemplification of their ritual, but in presiding over his Lodge with firmness and equity. With the exception of the J. W., the officers were all in their places, and proved that they too were ably following in the footsteps of their predecessors.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London West: On Friday evening, the 10th November, 1893, I was present at this Lodge, when the W. M., officers and many members of Union, No. 380, paid a fraternal visit. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Lord, I. P. M., and was witnessed by many visitors from the city and county Lodges, who could not help being benefited by the able and correct manner in which the work was done. On Friday evening, March the 9th, I visited this Lodge again when the W. M., W. Bro. Wattam and officers conferred the first degree upon two candidates in an exceptionally able manner. This Lodge is particularly fortunate this year in pulling out of a rut, and electing only officers capable of filling the chairs in a creditable manner. With the exception of the Secretary the chairs are all well filled, and that officer is certainly not the right man in the right place, as he should be. Dues appear in arrears and the books badly kept. The attendance was large, some forty-five members and visitors being present. A pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of a P. M.'s Jewel to R. W. Bro. Simpson, P. D. D. G. M., one of their oldest members, and one of London's most respected Masons.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: Visited this Lodge on

Thursday, the 14th November. W. Bro. Clark and officers exemplified the first degree in the usual able style of this Lodge. Like its sister 209a this Lodge has permission to use the American ritual. The officers are well up in their work, and no Lodge in the city better exemplifies the true teaching of Masonry than St. John's 20; their benevolent grants are large, and year in and year out they seem to pursue the even tenor of their way. The efficient Secretary, V. W. Bro. Dawson, has his books in good shape, dues, however, are not collected as closely as might be expected. Visited this Lodge again on the 12th June, when there was a large attendance, the W. M., Bro. Robertson, conferred the second degree on two candidates in a very correct manner. The officers were all in their places, and proved themselves able workers of their ritual.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: On Thursday, the 16th November, the W. M., officers, and many members of Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, visited this Lodge and conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner, the chair was taken by W. Bro. O'Rielly, P. M., and he proved himself an able exemplifier of the work. This meeting was very largely attended, an unusual number of P. M.'s being present, all the city and many of the county Lodges being represented. The hospitality of this Lodge is so well known that it is almost needless to say that W. Bro. Love and his officers hospitably entertained the visitors at a banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Visited this Lodge on Wednesday, 13th December, when the W. M., W. Bro. Love conferred one second and two thirds in a very satisfactory manner. This Lodge is in as healthy a condition as any in the District. Under the able guidance of W. Bro. Love it has enjoyed a prosperous year, the chairs are all well filled, and the dues well looked after by their painstaking Secretary, V. W. Overell. On the 21st June I again visited this Lodge, and had the pleasure of witnessing the first degree conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Davis, in a very correct and able manner; the chairs were again well filled, the floor work being particularly well done.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: On Monday, the 20th November, I visited this Lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Barker and W. Bro. McWhinney. It was more than a pleasure to visit this Lodge after a cold drive of twelve miles, and to find particularly clean homelike quarters. The Lodge Room is rented, and in every way well adapted for exemplifying the degrees. W. Bro. Martyn and officers opened and closed in the three degrees, and then conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. With a membership of forty-

three it was pleasing to find the dues all paid up ; the Secretary, Bro. Patrick, is evidently the right man in the right place. A very gratifying feature of this meeting was the presentation of P. D. D. G. M.'s regalia to R. W. Bro. Robson, voted to him by the District for his very efficient services during 1891 and 1892. That this Lodge is prospering goes without saying, and judging by the officers that are travelling toward the East, progress is safe to continue.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston: On Wednesday evening, the 22nd November, I visited this Lodge. After waiting some time, enough members arrived to open ; the W. M., J. W., S. D., J. D. and I. G., being absent, W. Bro. Johnson, P. M., opened in the first degree, but there being no work, the Lodge was closed. It strikes me very forcibly that this Lodge is like a fifth wheel to a coach, entirely unnecessary. The membership is about twenty-eight, many of whom have left the jurisdiction. The dues, although only \$2 per annum, are largely in arrears, some \$68 00 outstanding. The Secretary, W. Bro. Nicholson, is apparently the life of the Lodge. The few who do attend appear to have their hearts in the right place, as the Lodge Room is neat, well furnished and in every way adapted for Masonry.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: Visited this Lodge December 6th. It being the annual election of officers no degree work was done. I have visited this Lodge repeatedly during W. Bro. Nelles' term of office, consequently am in a position to say that under his able guidance the Lodge continues to exemplify all the degrees in a thoroughly efficient manner, he is well supported by all his officers, particularly by the S. W., who I am pleased to say was elected to the important office of W. M. for the ensuing year. I believe it is customary for St. George's 42, to greet the representative of the Grand Master with the largest turnout of any Lodge in the District, and they certainly bore out that reputation at this meeting, forty-seven members being present and probably an equal number of visitors, amongst them many distinguished brethren, including R. W. Bros. Dewar, Munson and Brunton, the latter a P. D. D. G. M., of Toronto District, No. 11. Under the able Secretary, V. W. Bro. Ellis, the dues are well paid and the Lodge in a financially healthy condition.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: On the 7th December I visited this Lodge, when there were twenty-three members present including three P. D. D. G. M's., R. W. Bros. McKay, Doherty and Slater. It being the annual election of officers, I merely asked the W. M., W. Bro. McIntyre to open and close in the three degrees, which he

and his officers did in a most efficient manner, leaving no doubt on my mind that in conferring degrees they would be equally at home. This Lodge has a membership of some one hundred and twenty, and is in first rate shape ; their room is the largest in the District, well furnished and in every way adapted for comfort and use. Under R. W. Bro. Slater, their old and reliable Secretary, the finances are well looked after.

Merrill Lodge, No. 345, Dorchester : Accompanied by W. Bro. Vanstone I visited this Lodge on Thursday evening, the 21st December. There was a fair attendance ; owing to illness I regret to say the W. M., W. Bro. Talbot was unavoidably absent. The chair was occupied by V. W. Bro. Shaw, who opened and closed in the three degrees correctly. Having witnessed the officers of this Lodge exemplifying the degrees when visiting the Tuscan 195, I am in a position to say that W. Bro. Talbot and his officers can hold their own with any Lodge in the District. It is particularly pleasing to find this Lodge prospering, as it is only a few years ago since it was practically dead, and now shows signs of new life and vigor, which I trust as years roll on will continue to increase. The dues are well paid up, which is generally the case when the Secretaries are as efficient as W. Bro. Shaw.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth : On Wednesday, the 17th January, I visited this Lodge in company with W. Bro. Cooper, and found a large number of brethren present. There being no work, the W. M., W. Bro. McPherson and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees very correctly. I am pleased to say this is a particularly flourishing Lodge, although so far this year they have had no new material. The attendance is good, and one and all appear to take a great interest in their Lodge. They are comfortably housed, dues well paid, and I feel confident they will continue to prosper as they deserve.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware : With W. Bro. McWhinney I visited this Lodge on Friday, the 19th January, and witnessed the third degree conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Donaldson and his officers in an admirable manner. Although it was the W. M's. first night in the East, he not only exemplified the degree, but conducted the business of his Lodge with the confidence and skill of an old hand. The Lodge Room is comfortably and convenient, and the brethren evince an interest in the work. The books are well kept and dues fairly well paid.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton : This is one of some half dozen Lodges in this district that apparently ignore the M. W., the Grand Master's representative, and as I was en-

tirely unable to hear of them I dropped in without any warning on St. Valentine's Day, and am pleased to say did not find them napping. The attendance was large, nineteen members being present. The W. M., W. Bro. Jordon, exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the three degrees in a fairly creditable manner. This Lodge has worked under considerable difficulty; they were burned out and after a short occupancy of new quarters, were turned out. Being unable to secure rooms, they fitted up a loft over a stable which, without exception, was the crudest Lodge Room I ever saw. I am pleased to report that the night of my visit arrangements were completed for the building and renting of a new Lodge Room, which they expect to occupy this summer. The dues have not received the attention necessary; however, I feel confident the present Secretary, Bro. Hocking, will pull things together, and I believe a bright future is in store for the brethren who have with persistency overcome difficulties that at times must have looked almost insurmountable.

St. Mark's, No. 94, Port Stanley: On Tuesday, 13th March, I visited this Lodge. The attendance was large; there being no work the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very correctly. The W. M., W. Bro. Farr and his officers are evidently proficient in their duties; dues are fairly well paid and the books well kept.

Malahide, No. 140, Aylmer: Accompanied by W. Bro. McWhinney I visited this Lodge on the 21st March, and found the Lodge in a very prosperous condition. W. Bro. Wood and officers worked the first degree and opened and closed in the three degrees in an entirely faultless manner. The Secretary, Bro. Ambridge, although a very young mason, is certainly the right man in the right place; his books are well kept, and although the dues have been allowed to accumulate, I have no doubt under his care arrearages will be a thing of the past.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: On the 17th April, I visited this Lodge in company with W. Bro. Robertson, W. M., St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44. I regret to say the W. M. was absent, his example being largely followed by the brethren. As we had in the Lodge Room all told, seven M. M. and one Fellowcraft, W. Bro. McCaul opened in the first degree when he resigned in favor of W. Bro. Robertson, of St. Thomas No. 44, and the Lodge was correctly opened and closed in the 2nd and 3rd degrees. The dues are fairly well paid. Financially the Lodge is healthy, masonically, it might and ought to be, if the W. M. showed more interest in its welfare.

Doric, No. 289, Lobo: On the 19th April, I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge, when I was accompanied by W.

Bro. Batzner, Buttler and McWhinney. The attendance was large, thirty members being present. The W. M., W. Bro. Graham and officers opened and closed in the three degrees and then conferred the second degree, the work all through being correctly and well done, the officers evincing an interest in the discharge of their several duties. Doric is a flourishing Lodge and quite safe to continue so, having plenty of good material and several old P. M's. whose interest in the affairs of the Lodge seem to increase as the time rolls on. The dues are well looked after by the able Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Graham. The building, which is owned by the brethren, is well furnished and in every way convenient.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown : I visited this Lodge on the 15th May, when I had the honor and pleasure of being accompanied by M. W. Bro. Spry, P. G. M., V. W. Bro. Beattie and W. Bro. Priddis. There being no work, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, W. Bro. Barrows and officers proving themselves able exemplifiers of our ritual. Work has been scarce this year, yet the Lodge is in a sound financial position, own their room, which is neat and in every way adapted for the purpose of Masonry. No doubt two Lodges within three miles of each other, somewhat tend to retard both, and it seems a pity that amalgamation could not be brought about between Merrill, No. 344, and Nilestown, No. 345, particularly as the necessity that existed when charter was granted has entirely disappeared. The energetic Secretary, V. W. Rowat, looks well after the dues and arrears are few.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas : On the 17th May I visited this Lodge when there was a fair attendance. Being no work the W. M., W. Bro. Scrace, open and closed in the three degrees correctly. This Lodge has a membership of over 100, and I regret to say shows the largest arrearage of dues in the District ; however, I trust under the present able Secretary, Bro. McConnell, that payments will be more prompt. The Lodge occupies rooms jointly with St. Thomas, No. 44.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Iona : On Friday, the 25th May, I paid my official visit to this Lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Mackay and W. Bro. Robertson, of St. Thomas. There was a fair attendance. The W. M., W. Bro. Brown, conferred the third degree in a faultless manner. The Senior Warden and Senior Deacon were absent ; the officers present did not give that support necessary to the W. M., particularly in the opening and closing of the degrees ; out of 42 members 23 were in arrears from one to three years. Prospects do not look encouraging, the brethren, with few exceptions, live five

miles and over from the Lodge, and there being no hotel in the village, it is practically impossible to attend during the winter months.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville : Accompanied by W. Bro. McWhinney I visited this Lodge on Wednesday, 13th June, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors ; being no work, the W. M., W. Bro. O'Neill opened and closed in the three degrees correctly. The Lodge is not numerically strong, but is in a good financial position, and although work has been scarce the prospects are bright, an application being received the night of my visit, and others are spoken of. They meet in the Odd Fellow's Hall, which is convenient in every way. The Secretary, W. Bro. Jelly, has his books in good shape and dues fairly well paid.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont : Accompanied by W. Bro. Cooper I visited this Lodge, on the 15th June ; there being no work, W. Bro. McIntyre, I. P. M., opened in the first degree. Unfortunately shortly after his election, the W. M. removed from the District, and doubtless that, combined with other circumstances, accounts in a large measure for the apparent want of life exhibited by the brethren. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Boyd, seems to struggle on in his no easy task of keeping the Lodge alive, his books are well kept, and the members should reward him by occasionally paying up their dues, which are in arrears beyond all reason. With a new Master I look for some improvement in the near future.

Spartan Lodge, No. 176, Sparta : On the 18th June, I visited this Lodge accompanied by W. Bro. Robertson, of St. Thomas. W. Bro. Haight and officers opened and closed in the three degrees very correctly. The Lodge Room is neat and well furnished, and although the meetings are few and far between the brethren evince an interest in Masonry, but not to the extent of taking in new material. Expenses are light and financially the Lodge is sound. The Secretary, W. Bro. Henderson, has his books in good shape, no brother being twelve months in arrears. This officer has been in harness in Spartan Lodge for thirty-five years, and although anxious to be relieved from office was again elected to the position he so ably fills.

From the foregoing report it will be seen that I have visited every Lodge in the District once, and as many as time and circumstances would permit I have visited a second time. All my visits have been paid at regular meetings, and from my supervision of the twenty-seven Lodges comprising this District I can safely say that although there are some weak Lodges Masonry on the whole is progressing. In some locali-

ties Lodges are too close together, in others members are few and meetings are difficult ; yet even in these cases the brethren appear willing and anxious to struggle along. Matters of dispute are few and far between, not one having arisen during my term of office. The difficulty between Tudor Lodge, No. 141, and Warren Lodge, No. 120, which was referred to me by the Board of General Purposes, was settled without trouble, and to the mutual satisfaction and credit of both Lodges. An old dispute between Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, and Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, in reference to jurisdiction, practically remains unsettled. I have looked carefully into the case and feel satisfied that a mountain is being made out of a mole hill. A slight display of brotherly love on the part of Mount Olivet Lodge No. 300, would not be out of place.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Owing to the number of visits interchanged between the Lodges, I have held but one Lodge of Instruction, which, through the kindness of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, was held on their regular meeting, June 7th. In the afternoon St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth, conferred the first degree, and St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, the second. Both Lodges worked well, leaving little or no room for criticism. In the evening after routine work by St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44 (which was also open to criticism), Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, conferred the third degree in a very able, correct and impressive manner. The afternoon attendance was about seventy, and in the evening some two hundred brethren witnessed the work, representing twenty six Lodges under this jurisdiction and one under the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Among the many distinguished visitors, I was particularly pleased to see R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, of Toronto District, and R. W. Bros. Hungerford, Mackay, Munson and Slater of this District. The customary hospitality of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, was displayed by calling the brethren from labor to refreshment, when a pleasant hour was spent.

AMALGAMATION.

The number of Lodges in this District might with great advantage be reduced by amalgamation.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, with Merrill Lodge, No. 344 ; Moffat Lodge, No. 399, with Belmont Lodge, No. 190, and Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, with Cameron Lodge, No. 232. The brethren would then be as near their Lodges as very many are at present, expenses would be reduced, and weakness and inactivity replaced by strength and greater probability of success.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following Lodges have received dispensations to appear clothed as Masons in public on the occasion of attending Divine Service. St. John's Lodge, No. 20; St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44; Henderson Lodge, No. 388; St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107; St. David's Lodge, No. 302, and St. John's Lodge, No. 20.

The London brethren attended Divine Service on the 24th September, 1893, when a very able and instructive sermon was preached in the Memorial Church by Bro. the Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock. The turnout far exceeded any previous occasion, every Lodge in the city being largely represented. R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Davis, P. G. I. W., acted as Director of Ceremonies, and as usual left nothing undone to make his work a success. A collection in aid of the Benevolent fund of the order brought out \$52, which was thankfully received.

EXPENSES.

I desire to thank the following Lodges for kindly contributing to defray the expenses of my office: Nos. 20, 44, 64, 107, 140, 171, 190, 232, 289, 300, 302, 330, 344, 345, 358, 378, 388, 394 and 399. I am pleased to say my outlay has been fully covered by the District, which I think speaks volumes for No. 3.

M. W. BRO. SPRY.

It affords me pleasure to report the general feeling of satisfaction that is expressed all over the District at having M. W. Bro. Spry in our midst. I have no doubt as is anticipated that his guiding hand will ere long be beneficially felt, not only in this District, but throughout the Western jurisdiction.

DEATHS.

That W. M's. are not living up to the constitution is apparent when I have only two deaths to report during my term of office. Bro. W. C. Johnson, of Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, and Bro. McArthur, of Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo. On Thursday, the 4th October, 1893, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Barker, W. Bros. Cooper and McWhinney, I attended the funeral of Bro. McArthur, an old member of Doric Lodge and for many years their Treasurer. The esteem the brother was held in was well exemplified by the largest funeral that township ever saw, the turnout of Masons being creditable to the Order and the District.

FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

Without any exception I have been entertained in a most hospitable manner by all the Lodges, and I desire to thank

the brethren for their very great kindness to me during my term of office. In No. 3 District it is quite sufficient to be the representative of the M. W., the Grand Master to ensure a hearty reception from one and all. If my successor spends as pleasant a year as I have, his labor must indeed be one of love.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

P. W. D. BRODRICK, E. D. G. M.,

London District, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership	Degre's confr'd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
20	St. John's...	London...	112	3	0	7	5	4	0	0	0	2	12	3	15	30	\$4000	3	\$30 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	Jointly
42	St. George's...	London...	126	3	0	7	4	4	3	1	2	4	0	2	14	34	10 00	30	117 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	Jointly
44	St. Thomas...	St. Thomas...	157	0	0	9	10	11	3	1	2	0	0	0	12	40	120 00	30	250 00	June 27, '94.	Good.	Yes	Jointly
61	Kilwinning...	London...	28	0	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	12	12	115 00	4	48 00		Good.	Yes	300 00
94	St. Mark's...	Port Stanley...	48	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	13	18	15 00	4	17 00		Good.	Yes	600 00
107	St. Paul's...	Lambeth...	38	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	15	15 00	7	31 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	600 00
130	Warren...	Fingal...	30	4	0	5	5	4	2	1	3	1	0	0	12	15	15 00	7	139 00		Good.	Yes	500 00
140	Malahide...	Aylmer...	76	0	3	6	6	4	1	5	1	0	2	14	26	23	25 00	10	110 00	June 24, '93	Good.	Yes	400 00
171	Pr. of Wales...	Iona...	46	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	12	18	6 30	21	110 00	June 24, '94	Good.	Yes	150 00
176	Spartan...	Sparta...	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	8	...	11	100 00	June 24, '94	Good.	No	800 00
190	Belmont...	Belmont...	22	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	11	8	...	5	6 50		Good.	Yes	Jointly
195	The Tuscan...	London...	72	6	0	3	5	6	4	1	2	0	0	1	12	25	6 50	5	239 50	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	Jointly
239	St. Johns...	London...	173	7	0	13	15	13	1	1	5	2	0	0	12	35	10 00	59	100 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	Jointly
232	Cameron...	Dutton...	40	0	2	1	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	15	15	4	7 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	...
289	Doric...	Lobo...	53	0	1	5	3	3	0	1	4	0	3	12	13	20	20 00	4	15 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	...
300	Mt. Olivet...	Thorndale...	27	2	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	16	20 00	4	15 00	June, '94	Good.	Yes	700 00
302	St. David's...	St. Thomas...	93	0	14	1	2	3	0	1	14	0	0	0	12	14	23	63	259 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	Jointly
330	Corinthian...	London...	74	3	0	4	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	12	13	20	63	62 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	500 00
334	Merrill...	Dorchester...	95	2	0	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	10	2 50	6	40 00	Feb. 15, '94	Fair.	Yes	400 00
335	Niles'own...	Nilesdown...	29	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	12	10 00	15	70 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	400 00
338	Del. Valley...	Delawen...	44	0	4	4	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	12	13	18	10 00	110 00	June 24, '93	Good.	Yes	400 00
378	King Sol...	London West...	68	12	0	12	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	25	10 00	23	70 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	300 00
379	Middlesex...	Bryanston...	21	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	12	13	10	70 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
380	Union...	London...	70	0	5	6	5	4	1	0	1	12	0	0	11	20	37 00	28	150 00	June 30, '93	Fair.	Yes	Jointly
388	Henderson...	Hiderton...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Yes	...
394	King Sol...	Thamesford...	48	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	14	15	...	10	50 00	June 24, '94	Good.	Yes	...
399	Norlat...	Harrisville...	18	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	10	15	12 00	5	27 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair.	Yes	...

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It affords me pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District.

Soon after my election I appointed W. Bro. D. N. McLeod as District Secretary, and Rev. J. W. Hodgins as District Chaplain. I issued three dispensations, one each to Tecumseh Lodge and Stratford Lodge, to attend Divine Service ; also one to Stratford Lodge to appear in Masonic clothing at Conversazoine held in their Lodge Room and its precincts.

I regret that the detailed statement of my report is not complete. I find that the Secretaries of the following Lodges have failed to send me their returns, viz : Maitland, Goderich ; St. James, St. Marys ; Lebanon Forest, Exeter ; and Wilmot, Baden.

On inquiry I find that the dues are fairly well paid up. Irving Lodge, Lucan, hasn't a member over 12 months in arrears. It would be much better if every Lodge copied this good example. I take the ground that an injustice is done the brother and the Lodge by keeping on a brother 13 months in arrears. He should be suspended then. I cannot blame a brother who is \$12 or \$15 in arrears not wishing to pay that amount. No brother should be allowed to run that long. If a brother be suspended, he is in the position to take up his dues at that point by paying his arrears for one year, or any other short period. I have been informed of Lodges rather heavily in debt, with more than enough dues in arrears to pay the indebtedness. In all such cases the prosperity of the Lodge is retarded. All Lodges have not profited by the very pointed remarks on this line made by Most Wor. Bro. J. Ross Robertson on his tour through Ontario, "Brethren, the condition of your finances is your most vital question, settle it decidedly and success is yours."

When I started out on my official visits, I mapped out to require from the W. M., the Tyler's oath, (one Lodge said they had never heard of such a thing). Some candidate, in fact all candidates (or in their absence, the last candidate) should repeat the different obligations and reply to the examinations by Master and Wardens, without any prompting, I found this the rule. Stratford Lodges require the candidate

to present the working-tools. I found considerable differences in the workings of the penalties ; I will suggest that the Committee on Work shall give the proper wordings of the penalties at the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge.

In point of excellency there are four Lodges that excel the others, viz : Maitland, Goderich ; Britannia, Seaforth ; Tecumseh, Stratford ; and Stratford, Stratford. Stratford Lodge being a little in advance of the others. In most of the Lodges enough attention has not been paid to rank and file. Stratford Lodges show the best work by the private members of any Lodge in the District.

June 28th, was a red letter day among the Craftsmen of Stratford, as on that evening the Most Worshipful Grand Master Gibson dedicated the Lodge room of Tecumseh and Stratford Lodges in the presence of about 250 brethren. After the dedication and a very impressive address by the Grand Master, all repaired to the banquet hall for refreshments. The tables being cleared, R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Chairman, ably assisted by R. W. Bro. C. McLellan, Vice-Chairman, took charge of a long toast list which was responded to by Grand Master Gibson, Grand Secretary Mason, Grand Senior Warden Dr. Secord, P. D. D. G. M. Col. Campbell, 5th District, Bro. Hon. Thos. Ballentine and others.

Deaths reported are seven, two of Clinton, Bros. P. Campbell and Charles Spooner ; Bro. Albert Dawson, of Zurich ; Bro. Wm. Scales, of Doric ; Bro. George W. Clark, of Morning Star, and Dr. Guest and R. W., P. D. D. G. M. Rupert, of St. James Lodge, St. Marys. Secretary Gillies, of St. James, made no report so I cannot give any lengthened remarks on R. W. Bro. Rupert, only that he was eminently qualified for any position in the gift of Grand Lodge. The Eastern part of the District feel his loss very much as he was very active in spreading the great lights of Masonry. Bro. Rupert was the last District Deputy of the United Districts of North and South Huron.

Some Lodges make the rule of paying funeral expenses of all deceased members, and thereby cripple themselves financially. To my mind this is a mistaken act of charity. It is our bounded duty to assist a distressed brother and his family, but to make an indiscriminate use of such aid is stretching Masonic charity to its greatest limit.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, amalgamated 1870 : I visited this Lodge March 22nd. W. M. and all the officers were present, and took their respective stations. A candidate was initiated ; W. M. Green did the degree work well, all his officers ably assisting him. W. Bro. R. Parks, I. P. M.,

repeated the charge impressively. I was much pleased to notice the promptness shown, almost equal to military precision. Wardens gave their charges impressively. The work was accurate. Maitland still retains her position as one of the best working Lodges in the District. The books are well kept, Bro. Rhynas is a good Secretary. R. W. Bros. Lorns, Radcliffe and Beck are members of Maitland, and residents of Goderich.

St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's, instituted 1858: I visited this Lodge June 4th. W. M. exemplified the third degree. This was the first occasion he had given it, and considering that, he did it well. S. and J. Wardens are very good, but require more practice, a fault to be found with the majority of Lodges. Deacons were prompt enough, acting J. Deacon did his work well being only admitted to full membership last February. This Lodge is noted for the large attendance of visitors at each regular meeting. Bro. Gillies, Secretary, takes considerable pains with his books; no returns made by the Secretary. I was informed that a number of brethren were in arrears.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton, instituted 1857: I visited Clinton March 23rd. W. M. Smallacombe exemplified the second degree. He appears to be quite nervous, and thus did not do himself justice. I feel sure that with practice he will make one of the best in the District. The other officers are good material, and only require practice to make their Lodge second to none. Wor. P. M. Heywood conferred the third degree on a candidate very creditably. Attendance on my visit, 32. Past Grand Chaplain Bro. Fairlie is an affiliated member of Clinton. There were two deaths, Bros. P. Campbell and Charles Spooner, Master Masons.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter, instituted 1860: I visited this Lodge November 20th, 1893. This was my first official visit. As the brethren expected I would defer it until a later date the attendance was only nineteen, which is quite small for Lebanon Forest Lodge. Wor. Bro. Collins, W. M., exemplified the third degree in a very impressive manner, fact his presentation of the work was the best I heard in the District, although not so accurate as some. I was pleased to meet V. W. Bro. Eacrett, now Secretary. The V. W. Bro. is a very enthusiastic Mason, having spent weeks in Stratford on the formation of this Lodge, getting prepared in the accurate work of those times. The Wardens repeated their lectures with vim and expression. The Deacons want drill in promptness and execution. Have not received Secretary's report.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell, instituted 1861 : Visited this Lodge November 21st, 1893. Owing to the adverse report on this Lodge, first printed at last meeting of Grand Lodge, I made inquiries as to the cause of the lack of interest in Masonry in Mitchell ; I was then assured by W. M. Elliott that all was not true as then reported. Happily my investigations have proved the truth of Bro. Elliot's statement. I found Bro. Elliot well up in the work, having filled the East for four years, at different times. Bro. Elliot is Head Master of Mitchell High School, and thus eminently qualified to fill the chair with tact, decision and ability. They initiated their first candidate in two years that night. Since then they have had another, and three affiliations. So Mitchell is again on the road to prosperity. I found that considerable drill was wanting to make the work run smoothly and effective. The work of Bros. Thompson and Wood deserves mentioning. Bro. Woods is a P. M., and of course should do well. Bro. Thompson, as J. W., gave the lecture with but one error. During the absence of the Secretary. Bro. Thompson took care of the books, and they are models of neatness. Attendance, 14. Bro. Hall, the veteran Tyler, still holds sway. Bro. Rev. J. W. Hodgins, of Seaforth, District Chaplain, at my request visited Tudor on May 15th, and saw the third degree conferred on two brethren, which he says was well done.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford, instituted 1861 : I visited Tecumseh on Nov. 23rd, Thanksgiving Day. There were three candidates for passing. W. M. Bro. W. McKellar examined them thoroughly, even exacting (as they also do in Stratford Lodge) besides repeating their obligation extempore, to present the working tools. The Wor. Master was ably seconded by his officers and the ceremony proceeded with clock-like regularity. Stratford Lodges do work equal to any city Lodges in Ontario, I am convinced. The attendance of 51 I am told, is but little more than their average. Bro. McKellar was presented with a Past Master's Jewel by the members of his Lodge as a token of their appreciation. I will here add that no one was worthier. Bro. Heburn has tyled for a number of years for both Lodges, and he, Bro. Hall, of Tudor, and Bro. Quigley, of Irving, are the veterans of South Huron.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan, instituted 1862 : The evening of June 14th, 1894, when I visited this Lodge was excessively hot. Bro. Shipley was a candidate to be passed. He stood a very creditable examination and repeated his obligation in first degree. S. Warden was absent. P. M. C. C. Hodgins took his place. The Wardens did their parts well, Bro. J. Warden particularly. The W. M. gave a splendid ex-

position of the degree work, having occupied the chair for two years in succession it was expected that he would do it well. Bro. Neil as a deacon is the right man. More frequent drills for junior officers and the brethren in attitude, etc., will be an improvement. Attendance 14.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, instituted 1865 : I paid my official visit to Britannia Lodge on March 19th. The Wor. Master is Rev. J. W. Hodgins whom I appointed District Chaplain. Bro. Hodgins with his good staff of officers exemplified the third degree, which reflected much credit upon all. Every officer was present. Considering the many interruptions by myself and others in reference to the work, Bro. Hodgins did exceedingly well. Bro. Hodgins has a pleasant and effective delivery which adds a charm to his lectures. He has made a rule that every W. M. should adopt. Start promptly on time at 7.30 p. m., and finish at 10 p. m. or soon after. Try it brethren. You will find it creates more interest in Lodge meetings and better attendance. Bro. Rose, the Secretary, has the neatest kept books in the District. Attendance 32.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg, instituted 1868 : I visited this Lodge June 6th. Owing to the absence of a large number of the brethren, Lodge was not opened until quite late. The Wor. Master was not able to confer all the degrees. He is a young man, well able to do the work if prepared. He exemplified the second degree ; it was given very well, but lacked sufficient drill and familiarity. A number of errors found in the work. Bro. Millar, S. W., gave the lecture,—wants a little more preparation. They do not require the candidate to repeat his obligation ; I strongly urged them to do it. I was well entertained by the brethren. Attendance 13.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall, instituted 1870 : The thermometer registered in the nineties on the 15th June when I visited Zurich. No degree conferred. W. M. McEwen repeated the obligations, also asked questions of examinations ; a brother was taken around to the Wardens for examination. Correct work was done, only rather rough, as the Wardens were not present and others had to fill their places, who were not prepared, which accounted for the most of the errors. P. M. McKay will keep them pretty close to the line. This Lodge stood second in point of initiations in 1893. Attendance 19. One death, Bro. Albert Dawson, M. M.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill, instituted 1870 : My visit was paid my mother Lodge on June 12th. All officers present

but S. Warden. W. M. Wedd conferred the first degree on a candidate in a creditable manner. This was his first work since elected. He is able to confer the first and second degrees. J. Warden is the coming man in Doric. The Deacons showed the benefit of their coaching, and were prompt to reply when addressed for any duty. The indications are that Doric will do better all round degree work than ever before. One death, Bro. Wm. Scales in 1893, then Junior Warden. Attendance, 14.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth, instituted 1874: I visited Blyth on March 20th, when on my Northern tour. An emergency meeting was called as the regular meeting would be held one week later. The attendance was smaller than usual, being only 18. The W. M., J. B. Tiernay, is a capable and efficient Master. His work was well done and correct, his delivery is free and impressive; Blyth has made no mistake in her selection. Bro. Dr. Carder is recognized as a mainstay of this Lodge, always ready to fill the breach when needed. Bro. J. H. Tiernay, a brother of the Master, received his second degree. He was a well prepared candidate, repeating his obligation and his examinations before Master and Wardens without being prompted once. Bro. J. B. Tiernay drove me across to Goderich, for which kindness I am very thankful. No deaths or other losses. Eight initiations during year; Blyth is third for increase in initiations.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Carlow, instituted 1874: Bro. Jonathan Millar of the Albion, Goderich, drove me over to Morning Star on the 21st. The attendance was the best here of any Lodge in the District, considering the size of the place, etc, there being thirty-five present. R. W. Bro. Beck is a member of this Lodge. The brethren here own their own Lodge Room and the rest of the building in connection. The horses of the brethren are stabled below; I would advise the brethren to tear up the lumber floor and put in either gravel or cedar blocks, as then the pawing and stamping of the horses would not interfere with the ceremonies as it does now. W. M. opened and closed in the several degrees. I had some of the newly made brethren repeat their obligations in each degree. W. M. needed considerable more preparation. The Senior and Junior Wardens were only admitted to full membership last year, and last December elected to the positions of Wardens. I think that was unwise and unjust to the two brethren, as they were placed in positions that only the very best can fill successfully, and not without working up to it. Considering their disadvantages they did their work fairly well. One death, George W. Clark, M. M.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden, instituted 1874: I paid my visit to Wilmot Lodge on November 24th. Wor. Bro. Holwell, Master, exemplified the second degree. He works correctly but needs practice. Certain brethren repeated the obligations, and were examined instead of candidates R. W. Bro. McLellan, V. W. Bro. Brown, and Wor. Bro. Lanagan, accompanied me from Stratford. After lodge was closed we repaired to the hotel of mine host, "Sauer Kraut," as he dubs himself, where we fared sumptuously, and were royally entertained. All District Deputies have pleasant recollections of their visit to Baden. Attendance, 26. I have not received any returns from Bro. Kaufman, Secretary.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford, instituted 1875: I visited Stratford Lodge June 5th. Wor. Bro. Lanagan conferred the third degree on a candidate, and did it well, very well. His officers are A1, on the alert, prompt and accurate. If this is not the best all round working Lodge in the District it is very nearly so. Three other Lodges may be equal, or about equal, but none are better in my opinion. This is the baby Lodge of the District, but is no baby in stature now, in fact it is the "daddy of them all," numbering exactly 100 in good standing, with an increase of 31 during the year just ended; 23 initiations. Between this Lodge and Tecumseh Lodge there seems to be a generous rivalry, but one of love as to who can best excel and best agree. Average attendance, 40. Tecumseh and Stratford Lodges remodelled their Lodge Room last year, and to-day have one of the finest in Western Ontario, of which they are proud, and delight to show their visitors the handiness of all its arrangements.

I cannot close without expressing my thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me by the whole Craft throughout the District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. DAWSON, D. D. G. M.,
South Huron District No. 4.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor to present to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in this District :

Having been elected to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. by my brethren at Ottawa last July, for which I tender them my sincere thanks, my first official act was the appointing of W. Bro. J. C. Cook, of Northern Light, No. 93, my Secretary, and I can assure you he has been an efficient and helpful one to me. My work was heavy, and in a good many places I was compelled to cover the same ground twice. However, it has been my pleasure to heal and make good eight brethren who formerly belonged to clandestine Lodges, and also of dedicating Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, and Moravian Lodge, No. 431, and starting again by dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master, Hanover Lodge, Hanover. At each of those ceremonies I had the assistance of R. W. Bros. Martyn and Telford and many other brethren who came a long way, some driving and others by rail, sparing no effort to make it pleasant for me and to assist the brethren of those particular Lodges in carrying out and conducting these ceremonies as they should be done. After having visited every Lodge in the District I can truly say that they are on the whole ruled by capable and painstaking Masters, having the support of the P. M's. and officers of their respective Lodges. I find Masonry in this District in a flourishing condition, the work being as near perfect as possible. This is no doubt due to the good work of the D. D. G. M's. who preceeded me. I have to thank the brethren for their kindness to me. The manner in which they received me when visiting them or meeting them abroad encouraged me in my work; strengthened my hands and, if any good results should afterwards be seen, to them the credit is due. The Secretaries to a unit have been faithful in discharging their duties, which lessened my work considerably. I made it a point to visit as many as possible at their regular meetings. The attendance on nearly every instance was good, and the rooms comfortable and neat. The Lodges were opened at the appointed hour, causing no delay. This speaks volumes for the rulers of the craft in No. 5.

VISITS.

Port Elgin, No. 426 : I paid an official visit to this Lodge

September 21st, 1893, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Martyn. The brethren gave us a very friendly welcome to the Lodge. Work in the F. C. degree. W. Bro Paterson in the chair. The work was well done by the Master, who received good assistance from his Wardens and other officers. The lecture in the first degree was given by R. W. Bro. Tilley, it deserves special mention ; I never heard it as well given before. This Lodge in one year made a gain of fourteen members. It bids fair for a first place in Masonry in this District. The dues were all paid up at that time and everything bidding fair for prosperity. I paid a second visit to this Lodge to depicate it, the brethren turning out in large numbers from every part of the District to assist me, and we had a profitable and pleasant time.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley : I visited this Lodge September 22nd, accompanied again by R. W. Bro. Martyn W. Bro. Hutcheson, W. M., in the East. The work was in the second degree and was exceedingly well done, part being done by the Master and part by W. Bro. McNeill. He is a true type of Masonry. W. Bro. Hutcheson is a little nervous, but after more experience will make a good ruler and worker, as he has the right ring in him. I believe he will be the means of bringing this Lodge to the front, as I think it was for a while a little indifferent in its management. They are now gaining in numbers, doing good work and prospering. It was my pleasure to pay them a second visit accompanied by W. Bro. Cooke, W. M., of Northern Light. We healed four good brethren there that evening, they were fine looking men, and I know will make a good acquisition to this Lodge.

Forest Lodge, 162, Wroxeter : I visited this Lodge December 18th, 1893, at their regular meeting. It was the stormiest night we had last winter. Notwithstanding all this the brethren turned out nobly and gave me an exceedingly hearty welcome, W. Bro. Armstrong in the East, The work was in the second degree and was done in a workmanlike manner by the W. M., ably assisted by his officers, all of whom were present. They have a fine room, cheery and comfortable and a painstaking Secretary and everything betokens prosperity. W. Bro Ireland is a member of this Lodge and he is a great help to it. I have no fears for this Lodge, the work, the appearance of the brethren who constitute the Lodge, the treatment I received at their hands the general appearance throughout, leads us to believe that Forest is one of the first in this District.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich : I visited this Lodge December 19th, at a special meeting called for that purpose. It was a cold and stormy night and just a few days before the holiday season, and still there was quite a number out. W. Bro.

Butchard occupied the chair. The work was in the second degree and was very well done by the Master and officers. I do really think that the W. M. of this Lodge, in appearance, is the youngest Master I have ever seen in the East, and he seemed to rule with discretion and firmness. This is a small town and I do not think the Lodge will grow to any great dimensions, but as long as it has as good officers as it has at present it will hold its own and be no disgrace to the Order. I owe to W. Bro. Armstrong, of Forest, the mentioning of his coming a long way through the storm to be with us that evening. The evening I spent among them I trust resulted in good to the brethren there and also to myself.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater : I visited this Lodge Dec. 20, and was made welcome by the brethren. It is not a very strong Lodge, but we had about 25 members present. W. Bro. Stewart in the East. The work was in the second degree, and W. Bro. Stewart did his work so satisfactorily I have hardly any reason to find the least fault. However, I think the Wardens hardly gave him the necessary assistance he justly merited. I was very well pleased with their comfortable quarters and excellent Secretary, and as it was a special meeting it was equal to any special for attendance according to numbers that I attended. I had intended paying them another visit, but I found it impossible to do so. I think with a little effort on the part of the brethren there, they can get enough good material to make it a strong Lodge.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel : I paid this Lodge an official visit January 17th, 1894, Bro. W. Flemming in the East. The work was in the first degree and was well done by the Master, who was ably supported by the Wardens and other officers. They have the work up to the mark and pride in doing it well. One of, in fact the most pleasing features of the evening, was the presentation of a P. M's. jewel by the Lodge to W. Bro. Heppler. The feeling manner in which it was presented by W. Bro. Foster and the reply by the W. Bro. to whom presented, made me feel that to a great measure we are our brother's keeper. They have the largest and most beautiful room in the District. The J. W. Bro. Morphy gave the lecture in the first degree with accuracy and effect, and merits special mention. The brethren here are adding to their numbers continually and are obtaining excellent material. We spent one of our pleasantest evenings here, and after the Lodge closed repaired to a sumptuous spread, where ample justice was done to the fourth degree.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley : I paid an official visit to this Lodge January 8th, 1894. The brethren gave me a true

Masonic welcome The work was in the third degree, W. Bro. Halliday, in the East. The W. M. was assisted by W. Bro. Mickle, they had the assistance of the best Wardens and Deacons I perhaps met in the District. If I can be considered a judge of good work, I say it was perfect in every particular. It was a pleasure to me to see them go through the work. They have a beautiful Lodge Room, are prosperous and healthy, and are what you might justly term a select Lodge. There is no fear of this Lodge, there are too many able and clever brethren there ; it is bound to go on until it has no rival in the District.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431 : On January 4th, assisted by R. W. Bros. Martyn and Telford and a number of other brethren from different Lodges in the District, I dedicated this Lodge and installed the officers. This Lodge has only been started a short time, but they are doing good work. Have a very nice comfortable room for so small a place, and I believe will increase in numbers and will be an addition to Masonry in this District. W. Bro. Pinkerton, the Master, is an Ar Mason. The Secretary, Bro. Morrison, one of the ablest in discharging his duties we have in this District, keeps everything going right. While such men are at the helm the ship is safe After closing the ceremony we sat down to a fine spread, and enjoyed ourselves.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton : February 13th, 1894, I paid this Lodge an official visit. It was at the time of the snow blockade, and I had to go a long way round to get there. I can assure you the welcome I received paid well for all the trouble. The work was in the first degree, W. Bro. Standish, in the East. He acquitted himself to the satisfaction of the brethren present, amongst whom were a great many visitors. The Master's work and all of the other officers who assisted him, showed the wisdom of this Lodge in selecting such men for its management. They have a lovely room, it is cheery and commodious, well furnished and properly adapted for the work. R. W. Bro. Telford, and many others who have held high positions as masons, are members of this Lodge. Although at that time they had only forty-nine members on the roll, there were fifty-seven present at that meeting. After closing we sat down to an excellent spread and spent a few pleasing hours.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow : Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Martyn, I paid this Lodge an official visit at their regular meeting February, 15th, 1894, W. Bro. Paterson, the W. M., in the chair. The work was in the first degree and was very well done. This Lodge I believe is improving every year

of late years, they have had good workers in the chairs and they are pushing things forward and I believe are destined to become an A1 Lodge. The number present that evening was not very large, owing, I believe, to some little differences in the management of the affairs of this Lodge. These differences have been amicably settled and they are getting along nicely now. Their Secretary, Bro. Days, is just the man for the position, and will no doubt be a help to this Lodge in the proper management of its affairs. I paid them a second visit for the purpose of healing a brother there. This time they were working harmoniously and gave me a hearty Masonic welcome. W. Bro. Paterson makes a good master, ruling mildly and yet firmly. This Lodge will prosper.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton : I visited this Lodge March 8th, 1894, at a special meeting called for that purpose. The brethren turned out well and gave me an encouraging welcome. As there was no work that evening as far as floor work was concerned, I tested the W. M. Bro. McLennan in the opening and closing work in the several degrees, and found him a capable Master. The Wardens seemed to be well up in their work, and it was my pleasure to heal a brother there that evening who came from Port Elgin, many brethren from there accompanying him. The brethren here own their own building and grounds, receive rent for lower part, have money on hand and are prosperous and happy. I must say for Bro. McLennan, he is a whole soul Mason. I spent a pleasant and agreeable evening here and felt as much at home with the St. Lawrence brethren as I did any where in the District. Surely the lines have fallen to them in a pleasant place, they have a goodly heritage.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara : I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting, March 19th, 1894. The welcome I received from the brethren of the Lodges I visited previous to this, did not lessen here. The work was in the first degree, W. Bro. Start, in the chair in the East. He was assisted in his work by W. Bro. Campbell, of Cedar Lodge, and W. Bro. Wilson, of his own Lodge. The work was well done at the hands of skilled workmen, and I was well pleased with it. It was modern in ritualistic form. Easily seen they were up with the times. W. Bro. Start after a little more experience will make one of our best Masters. Bro. Cypher gave the lecture in the first degree, and gave it well. There was a large number in attendance, making it agreeable. They have a nice room and are comfortable. R. W. Bro. Bruce is a member of this Lodge, adding to its strength. W. Bro. Wilson is an exceedingly painstaking Brother, and nothing can go wrong with-

out the observance of his keen eye. This is no doubt one of our best Lodges. After closing we had another bountiful spread here and parted, happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton : I visited this Lodge March 20th, 1894, accompanied by W. Bro. Wilson and Bro. Cypher from Maple Leaf. A number of the brethren met us at the station and gave us a right good welcome. This was their regular meeting and the attendance was good. The work was in the third degree, W. Bro. Campbell, W. M., in the East. To do the brethren there justice, that is as far as the work is concerned from the W. M. down to Tyler, it has probably a little more than equalled the good work throughout the District. They have comfortable quarters, in financial circumstances are all right and are continually receiving into their fold the best men to be got in the beautiful town. Have a number of excellent P. M's. in their Lodge, a painstaking and efficient Secretary, W. Bro. Brown. Owing to illness W. Bro. Walmsley was not present that evening, but conveyed regret through the Secretary. The remarks made by the brethren that evening had a tendency to increase their already ardent zeal for the cause and made us feel that it is our duty to help each other in journeying through life.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels : I paid this Lodge a visit May 7th, at a special meeting called for that purpose. W. Bro. Ross, W. M., in the chair. They had work on hand during the whole of my term of office, but that evening, owing to circumstances over which they had no control, the candidate did not put in an appearance. However, the W. M. exemplified the work, giving good proof that he is well skilled in his work. They have a very nice room, are financially good. Have a large number of P. M's., and to their credit nearly all of them were present, and gave me perhaps one of the best greetings I received from the brethren in the District. W. Bro. Shaw is Secretary of the Lodge, and that is sufficient ; no better to be had. I felt the meeting there was a great help to myself personally, and I believe we all thought it was good to be there.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham : I visited the brethren there at their regular meeting May 15th, 1894. The work was in the first degree, W. Bro. McGregor in his chair in the East. The work throughout gave good proof that the brethren are well posted and have also ability to show the work to advantage, a very good requisite. Their Lodge Room ranks among the first and it is indeed a credit to them. They are in a good position in every way that tends toward prosperity.

A great deal of this no doubt is due to the credit of R. W. Bro. Morton, he is Secretary of this Lodge and a model one at that. He is particular to a point in looking after the affairs of the Lodge and is careful in seeing the work done as it should be, W. Bro. McGregor himself being one of our finest Masters. I spent a profitably time with the brethren here and we parted happy

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton : I met the brethren here at a special meeting, many distinguished brethren from Northern Light accompanying me. Their work was in the third degree, W. Bro. Chambers, in the East. They had two candidates. The W. M. had the assistance of W. Bro. Henders. The work was well done in every particular, and called forth praise from the visiting brethren. The Deacons as well as the Wardens coming in for a share of merit for good work. They have a very good room and are increasing in numbers continually, and are destined to become a good and useful Lodge. The brethren of this Lodge attended divine service Sunday, July 1st. Among their number were brethren from Paisley, Eden Grove and Kincardine. They had the pleasure of listening to an eloquent and able discourse delivered by the Rev. Bro. Barnby, himself a member of this Lodge. W. Bro. McKellar, the Secretary, is regular and punctual in doing his work and is a help to the Lodge.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine : At the regular meeting June the 6th, 1894, I paid this my Mother Lodge a special visit. There were a number present from Bruce Lodge, Tiverton, and also two brethren who came there for the purpose of being healed. The W. M., W. Bro. G. C. Cooke in the East. The work was in the third degree and was very well done. W. Bro. Cooke is held in high esteem by all the members of this Lodge. This is the oldest and perhaps the most wealthy Lodge in No. 5. Here is where I first came to Masonic light and I hope the brethren of the District will pardon me if I have a kind word for my Mother Lodge. Her many charitable acts, deeds of kindness and words of encouragement have often been the means of helping some one on their way through life. Bro. R. D. Hall is their long and time-honored Secretary, remarkable for oratory and discipline, he fills his office to perfection. On Sunday, the 24th June, the brethren attended divine service and listened to an able and well delivered discourse by the Rev. Bro. Livingston.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On the third of January I convened a Lodge of Instruction in the Masonic Hall, Chesley, a large number from the several

Lodges being present, including R. W. Bros. Telford and Martyn. There were representatives from Wiarton, Port Elgin, Tara, Southampton, Walkerton, Eden Grove and Kincardine, and a number from Lodges in Wellington District. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Paterson and the officers of Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429. The second degree by W. Bro. Standish and officers of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197. The third degree by W. Bro. Halliday and officers of Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley, assisted by W. Bro. Mickle. I would say that I deserved to be censured for being ungrateful if I failed to mention the admirable manner in which the work was presented in all of the degrees. The brethren have just cause to feel elated who took part in this work, and those who were merely observers are indeed under an obligation to the workers. It was certainly a treat. We selected a committee composed of P. M's., to whom a number of questions in reference to floor work were presented for their decision, and accepted and confirmed their report so as to make the work uniform throughout the District. I cannot speak too highly of the loyal manner in which we were received by the Chesley brethren and of the sumptuous spread at the close. I have learned since that this is a marked feature in their make-up, they are jolly good fellows indeed.

Hanover Lodge, U. D., Hanover: A dispensation having been granted by the M. W. Grand Master to hold a Lodge at Hanover, I, assisted by R. W. Bros. Martyn, Telford and a number of P. M's. and others from Walkerton, Chesley, Wiarton and Eden Grove, regularly started and opened the Lodge on the 12th of April, 1894. The brethren then procured suitable and comfortable rooms. This being a thriving and growing town gives them considerable timber for cutting. I see by notices sent me they already have work. This makes me confident that with the plucky spirit they manifested that evening and their favorable surroundings, they have a bright future before them. I wish them God speed. They entertained me right loyally at the close.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

D. COLLINS, D. D. G. M.,

North Huron, District No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1894, to June 24th, 1894.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Sixth Masonic District. Immediately on my return home, after my election, I appointed W. Bro. P. M. Jas. Haken, of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, District Secretary, and issued my official circular, which was mailed to every Lodge in the District, informing them of the above appointment. I have officially visited every Lodge in the District, twenty-one in all. In every instance I sent the Lodges a notice of my intended official visitation and visited them on the night of the regular meeting, with two exceptions, emergencies were called for Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, and Vienna Lodge, No. 237. Work was done in some Lodges of an exceptionally high character and was worthy of special commendation, and in no case that came under my observation was it below "fair." Where no work was on hand, I requested the W. M. and officers to open and close the Lodge in the several degrees, making such corrections and suggestions as I deemed necessary to establish uniformity in the work throughout the district.

DEATHS.

The names of the several deceased brethren that have been sent me are as follows :

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10 has sustained a loss in the death of Bro. Matthew C. Brown, who died on the 12th of July, and had been a member of the above Lodge over thirty years, and had held several subordinate offices in the Lodge.

W. Bro. Robert Wood died suddenly at his residence, Nixon, on January 11th. He first saw light in Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi, and rose to the position of W. M. He afterwards affiliated with Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, and remained a member of the above Lodge until his death. He was a most enthusiastic Freemason, and a man of more than ordinary ability. It is somewhat remarkable that the above deceased brethren both held the high civic position of Police Magistrate of the town of Simcoe at the time of their demise. Their funerals were conducted by Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, and largely attended.

Bro. W. H. Karn, who died in Woodstock on January 21st, 1894, a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, was buried with Masonic honors. Bro. Thos. Cuthbertson, who died in Wood-

stock on April 3rd, 1894, was a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, and was buried with Masonic honors.

Bro. John Woodward, a member of Erie Lodge, No. 149, died July 25th, 1893, at New Westminster, B. C.

Bro. F. A. Finch died February 5th, 1894, a member of Vittoria Lodge, No. 359.

Bro. Caleb Hartley died at New Durham, May 13th, 1894, a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, and was buried with Masonic honors.

DISPENSATIONS.

I issued one Dispensation to St. John's Lodge, No. 104, to attend Divine Service, clothed as Masons, on June 24th.

VISITATIONS.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland : Visited this Lodge on their regular meeting, September 25th, and had a very pleasant time. I was accompanied by Bro. Jas. Mills, of St. John's Lodge, No. 104. They have a very neat Lodge Room, re-furnished throughout and made attractive. W. Bro. Hooker and his officers were very proficient in their work. Two candidates were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and the work was a credit to any Lodge. V. W. Bro. F. Miles was present and contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. R. W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Hay, Past Grand Chaplain, G. L. C., was present, and is held in very high esteem by the brethren of this Lodge and is a regular attendant. After Lodge, a sumptuous banquet was held at the hotel of Bro. Young. I may further state that the books are well kept and everything appears to be flourishing in Masonry. The brethren gave me a most hearty and courteous reception.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton : I paid my official visit to this Lodge on their regular meeting October 27th, when a very fair representation of the brethren were present. The Master, W. Bro. Dr. Staples was absent through professional engagements, and W. Bro. Johnston, P. M., of Burford Lodge, No. 106, occupied the chair. No degrees were conferred, therefore I had no opportunity to form an opinion of the manner of work done in this Lodge. The books are kept in very good shape by the Secretary and the arrearage on dues was small. I had much pleasure in meeting W. Bro. P. M. Jno Hall, of this Lodge, who is a warm-hearted and enthusiastic Mason, and his kindly greeting I will long remember. This Lodge was moved from Drumbo by R. W. Bro Hunter and its prospects are much improved. After the meeting a banquet was held at the hotel of Bro. Jno. Strode, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi : On Monday, November 20th, 1893, I paid this Lodge an official visit, and met a very good turnout of the brethren. The Lodge Room is new, of good size, and very neatly furnished, but, I regret to say, has never been dedicated to Masonry. The W. M., Bro. Chas. Wood, and his officers appear to be well up in the work, and I am satisfied can give a good account of themselves.

W. Bro. P. M. Crysler and other Past Masters are enthusiastic Masons and regular attendants, and contribute largely to the success of the Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and only one or two matters came under my observation that I deemed worthy of correction. Refreshments were served adjoining the Lodge Room, and the evening passed very pleasantly. The Secretary keeps his books in very good order. The membership appears to be increasing.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip : I visited this Lodge November 23rd, when only eight of the members were present, W. Master absent. W. Bro. West, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock, was a visiting brother and kindly presided in the East. There was no work on, but the Lodge was opened in the several degrees and closed. The Wardens appeared to be quite familiar with their part of the work. I think the membership of this Lodge is rather small to keep the spirit of Masonry alive in all its beauties. The brethren treated me very kindly and I regretted the attendance being so small. Bro. Shoemaker is a model Secretary and keeps his books in excellent order.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich : I visited this Lodge Nov. 29th. During the afternoon and evening there was a constant downpour of rain, yet the brethren rallied in good numbers and a most enthusiastic meeting was held. My visit to my own Lodge might be considered an unimportant one, but the events of the evening proved quite the contrary, and to me it was the most important visit that I had the pleasure of making during the term of my office. On my reception in the Lodge room, after the usual greetings, W. Bro. P. Master Haken presented me, on behalf of the Lodge, with a beautiful regalia of a D. D. G. M., and a kindly worded address. The regalia is a beautiful piece of workmanship, and the gift solely of this Lodge. On the reverse side of jewel attached to the collar is the following inscription,—“Presented to Bro. Dr. A. McCurdy by the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, A. F. & A. M., Nov. 29th, A. L. 5893.” After the usual routine business W. Bro. Jas. Irwin and the officers of the Lodge initiated a candidate into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and the work was of a very creditable character. In fact there are a

number of Past Masters of this Lodge who have been exceptionally skilled workers, notably, W. Bro. P. M. H. Couzens and W. Bro. P. M. Dr. Hill. This Lodge ranks third in membership in the Wilson District. The Secretary, Bro. J. L. Farrington, keeps the books of the Lodge in good order, and is a very regular attendant. The brethren sat down to a banquet, served at the hotel of Bro. W. F. Coker, which was complete in every course, and after the usual toasts and speeches the brethren dispersed with an expression indicating that a most happy and enjoyable evening had been spent.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville : I visited this Lodge on the evening of December 22nd and installed the officers. The night was stormy and disagreeable, yet there was a very good attendance. The brethren have not a Lodge Room as modern or spacious as they really require, but they possess an unlimited amount of zeal and of the genuine spirit of Masonry. My reception was most hearty and courteous, and from the hands of W. Bro. P. Master's Bristow and Henderson, with others of the brethren, I received the kindest attention possible. The ceremony of installation occupied the whole evening rendering other work impossible, but W. Bro. Dr. Brown, the Master elect and Wardens will make very efficient officers. W. Bro. P. M. Hall, of Blenheim Lodge was present, and at his age is brimful of the essence of Masonry. The books of this Lodge are in excellent shape, and I doubt if there is the equal of Bro. Veitch as a Secretary in the District. A sumptuous banquet was prepared at the Hotel National by Bro. Ernst, which the brethren with their wives and daughters partook of in common. An excellent orchestra furnished music of a high character, and with the variety of speech and song a most agreeable and entertaining evening was spent. I shall ever look back with pleasure on the evening that I spent with the brethren of Plattsville Lodge, No. 178.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe : Visited this Lodge officially on the evening of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist and installed the officers. The ceremony of installation was short and unimportant, as nearly all the officers were re-elected. I had the pleasure of presenting, in behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, R. W. Bro. Wells, P. D. D. G. M., with a District Regalia. This was a pleasing event of the evening, and showed the high esteem in which R. W. Bro. Wells is held by the members of his Lodge. R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd is an active and enthusiastic member of this Lodge, and spares no pains in furthering its welfare. There was no work, but I am fully satisfied that W. Bro. Reid and Wardens are competent officers. V. W. Bro. Kelley is an ideal Secre-

tary and Mason. An excellent banquet was provided at the Norfolk House by Bro. L. Brady, where feast and song ended a most festive occasion.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover : I paid my official visit on the evening of January 15th. The brethren have a very comfortable Lodge Room, and are financially sound. In fact, Bro. Treasurer informed me of a surplus of funds to the amount of \$600 on hand. No work was done, but the Lodge was opened in the several degrees and closed in a manner that would prove the brethren skilled workmen. W. Bro. Fawcett and the members gave me a very hearty welcome. Bro. Skey is a very competent Secretary, and keeps his books in excellent order. Refreshments were served on the premises, and a very social time was spent discussing matters pertaining to the Craft.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford : Visited this Lodge January 17th, and installed the officers. The brethren have a fine Lodge Room nicely furnished throughout and in every way suitable for their needs. After installation of officers, by request of the brethren, I presented W. Bro. P. M. Messecar with a beautiful P. Master's jewel as a recognition of his long services in the chair and his devotion to the Craft. I was favorably impressed with the new staff of officers and expect to hear a good report of them. The Secretary did not have a very good system of keeping his books, but trust that additional experience will make him more competent. W. Bro. Hooker and others of Scotland Lodge were present. After Lodge a banquet was given at the hotel of W. Bro. Teeter. I think Wilson Lodge will eventually rank among the first Lodges of the District.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll : Officially visited this Lodge January 19th. There was a very good turnout of the brethren, and they gave me a hearty welcome. I did not have the opportunity of seeing any degree work, but am satisfied the brethren can render a good account of themselves. W. Bro. Hegler was suffering from a severe cold, but did not absent himself from his place in the East. R. W. Bro. Walsh, of King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, and a large number of Past Masters were present. I regretted the unavoidable absence of R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler. The Secretary, Bro. Ewart, has held his office over twenty years, and keeps a faultless set of books. After Lodge the brethren were served with refreshments at a restaurant, and a pleasant time was spent. The prospects of this Lodge are bright, and this is one of the most important Lodges in Wilson District.

King Solomon's Lodge No. 43, Woodstock : Visited the above Lodge officially on Feb. 6th. There was a good atten-

dance of the brethren and work was done in the third degree by W. Bro. Whitelaw, assisted by W. Bro. McGachie, both Past Masters. The work was rendered in a very commendable manner and speaks well that in the absense of the W. M. the Past Masters carefully attend to the affairs of the Lodge. The members of the sister Lodge, Oxford, No. 76, were there in the persons of R. W. Bros. Martin, Sutherland and Hunter, and others. This is an old Lodge, well sustained, sound financially, and shows evidence of prosperity. I regretted the absence of the Master, W. Bro. Burt. who, I think, has moved from the town. The Secretary, W. Bro. Fraser, is an eminent officer, and keeps his books in good order. After the meeting a banquet was served in an adjoining room and altogether a pleasant evening spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris : I visited this Lodge Feb. 13th, after the terrible snowstorm of the preceding day. The train service was so affected that it made my visit late, but on arrival found a good turnout of the members. Work was done in the first degree by W. Bro. J. F. Martin and officers in a very creditable manner. R. W. Bro. P. H. Cox, P. D. D. G. M., of Wilson District, and other distinguished P. Masters in the persons of W. Bros. P. M. Baird, Foley and Parney were present. The Secretary, Bro. Smoke, keeps the books in good shape, finances sound, and from the apparent enthusiasm of the members, I see no reason why St. John's, No. 82, will not be one of our foremost Lodges. A fine banquet was served at Gray's Hotel, where speeches and song ended a pleasant meeting of the Craft. I shall remember with great pleasure my official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 82.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro : Officially visited this Lodge February 15th. I was accompanied by a number of the Woodstock brethren in the persons of R. W. Bro. Hunter, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. Karn, V. W. Bro. Rippon, Bro. Hamilton, Secretary of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, and others. Work was done in the second and third degrees by the W. M., assisted by a P. M. The brethren have a very neat Lodge Room, and everything appears to be working harmoniously. Refreshments were served after the Lodge closed. The prospects of the Craft here are very bright.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll : The above Lodge was officially visited March 2nd. A good company of the brethren of both Lodges received me heartily. As no work was on the order of business, W. Bro. Vance and officers exemplified the second degree in a masterly manner, and left no doubt in my mind that work can be done by them second to none in Wilson District. The Lodge Room is spacious, well

equipped and the brethren enthusiastic. The Bro. Organist presides over the musical portion of the ceremony in a masterly manner. The Secretary's books were in good order and everything in good condition. R. W. Bros. Walsh, Hegler and a distinguished number of P. Masters were present, and I shall remember with pleasure my visit to Ingersoll—the Mecca of Masonry in Wilson District. At the close of the Lodge a banquet was served in grand style.

Vittoria Lodge No. 359, Vittoria: I paid my official visit to this Lodge at an emergent meeting, called March 14th. The brethren turned out fairly well and among them was my old friend R. W. Bro. Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M. I did not witness any work here, nor has the Lodge added any to its number for some time, but the W. M. and officers opened in the several degrees and closed in a manner which showed that they were familiar with the work. The Lodge Room is owned by the brethren, and a small debt remains to be wiped off, which I think they will be equal to. The Secretary's books were in good shape, with some back dues to collect.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: Visited this Lodge March 15th, and met a very good turnout of the brethren. The W. M. was unavoidably absent, and Bro. P. M. Dr. Stewart occupied the East. The brethren own the building and rent the lower part, from which they derive quite an income. They purpose improving the interior of their Lodge Room, and when done will have a large and attractive room very suitable for the meeting of the Craft. This Lodge lost a large number of her members by the formation of Langton Lodge, which has since surrendered its charter, and now its prospects are much brighter. The Secretary, W. Bro. P. M. Ryan, keeps the books in good shape, and I think Masonry will make good headway here on the lake side. After Lodge closed refreshments were provided on the premises.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: I paid my official visit to this Lodge March 21st, and a full house greeted me. Visitors from Brantford, Paris and Scotland were present, among whom I may mention R. W. Bro. Dr. Secord, G. S. W.; V. W. Bro. Watt, Assistant G. D. of C.; W. Bros. Martin, Fisher, Eddy and others. W. Bro. Baldwin occupied the East in an efficient manner. V. W. Bro. Miles—a never failing attendant—was on hand as usual and added to the interest of the meeting, also looked after the personal comforts of the visitors. The brethren occupy a very neat room, furnished well, but I regret to say not dedicated to Freemasonry. The Secretary, Bro. A. D. Muir, keeps his department in excellent order. An elaborate banquet was served at the Barma House,

and a P. Master's jewel presented W. Bro. P. M. Stevenson. The zeal and enthusiasm of the brethren bids fair to keep the Craft in a flourishing condition here.

Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock: I made my official visit to this Lodge April 11th, and met a most hearty reception from the brethren. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, from both Lodges here, as well as visitors from outside Lodges. The work as done in the first and second degrees by W. Bros. P. M. Karn and McLurg was of an exceptionally high character and richly merits praise. In fact, it would be difficult to find in the jurisdiction of G. L. a brighter array of officers, past and present, than this Lodge can lay claim to. We were favored with the presence of R. W. Bro. Broderick, D.D.G.M., London District, and other London brethren; R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, P. D. D. G. M., of Hamilton District; R. W. Bro. Hunter, P. D. D. G. M., Wilson District; R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, P. G. R.; R. W. Bro. Griggs, P. D. D. G. M., and others whose names I cannot recall. Bro. Hamilton, the Secretary, is a rare one, and a better and neater set of books would be hard to find. Oxford Lodge has the largest membership in Wilson District and may well lay claim to be the premier Lodge; is financially in good standing with bright prospects before it, and has many distinguished members of the Craft on its rolls. I must state before closing that W. Bro. Odlum was called from the room to attend professional duties, which prevented him from conducting the work. A banquet was given in an adjoining room, after which speeches and songs were listened to and a most enjoyable evening spent. I shall long remember my visit to this Lodge.

King Hiram, No. 78, Tilsonburg: Visited this Lodge April 18th, W. Bro. Hogan and officers passed two candidates to the Fellow Craft degree. The work was well exemplified, and convinced me that the officers are skilled craftsmen. I was met at the station by R. W. Bro. Wm. Macdonald and W. Bro. P. M. Chas. Macdonald, who received me in a very courteous manner. Among those present was W. Bro. P. M. John Macdonald, brother of the above, and W. Bro. P. M. Sincliar. The books were neatly kept by the Secretary, and the Lodge financially is in good standing. A well prepared banquet was sat down to at the Royal Hotel and speech and song brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell: Made my official visit to the above Lodge June 12th. The night was very warm and the attendance not large, W. Bro. Burwell in the chair. No work was done, but as W. Bro. Burwell has been almost a perpetual Master I am satisfied he is a master of the

situation. The postmaster of the village, Bro. Backhouse, is a warm-hearted Mason and whose friendly greetings I shall long remember. The Secretary, Bro. Chub, keeps his department in good order. The Lodge Room is very neat and apparently large enough to meet the wants of the brethren.

Vienna Lodge, No 237, Vienna: Visited this Lodge June 13th. The heat was most oppressive and only a limited attendance. W. Bro. Teall and officers were in their chairs, and opened in the several degrees and closed, when I made such suggestions as best suited for their improvement. Bro. Thornton, the Secretary, performs the duties of his office faithfully, but has rather a large amount of dues standing unpaid on the books. This calls for the exercise of the prerogative of the W. M. I think it unfortunate that there are two Lodges in this locality, Oriental, No. 181, and Vienna, No. 237, as they are situated only three miles apart and the lake on the south. The purposes of Masonry would be much better served by the union of these two Lodges, and a strong, healthy branch of the Craft would flourish as the result of such union.

CONCLUSION.

Before closing I most heartily thank the many brethren throughout the District who have spared no pains in making my visits among them as pleasant as possible, and who cheerfully accepted my judgment in matters that came under my consideration. The honor conferred upon me by the brethren in choosing me to preside over this important District, I fully appreciate, and is far beyond my merits. I feel that the highest rank of my Masonic ambition has been reached, and pass over this District to my successor, knowing that I have but imperfectly discharged the many duties of my office.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. MCCURDY, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District, No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 21th, 1893, to June 21th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members.		Degrees conferred.		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of member.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increased during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.					Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
10	Norfolk.....	Simscoe.....	70	...	5	4	4	3	...	...	...	2	13	3	16	25	100 00	10	100 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Bright.	Yes	\$ 600 00
37	K'nightan.....	Ingersoll.....	71	2	5	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	11	2	16	18	100 00	23	182 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Satisfactory	Fair.	Yes	600 00
68	St John's.....	Ingersoll.....	71	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	14	1	15	19	27	23	110 75	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Fully ins.
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	113	4	...	4	4	4	...	3	...	...	12	4	16	30	\$500 00	26	215 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	88	3	3	3	6	4	1	...	...	...	21	2	13	25	60 00	20	115 00	June 21, '91.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	68	3	12	3	3	4	1	4	8	...	11	14	20	10 00	10 00	12	75 00	May 3, '91.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	2500 00
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	29	2	...	4	5	4	1	3	...	...	13	13	13	13	60 00	8	40 00	July 6, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	...
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	62	...	6	...	...	...	1	6	1	...	11	12	20	...	...	17	...	Jan. 7, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	51	2	...	2	1	1	...	5	...	...	13	2	15	15	5 00	14	126 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
174	Walsing m.....	Port Rowan.....	54	4	...	4	4	4	...	1	...	...	13	3	16	18	...	5	32 62	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	43	4	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	12	12	12	...	...	10	37 80	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	35	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	13	13	10	...	8 00	10	25 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	50	8	...	4	8	9	...	...	...	...	12	2	14	17	30 00	3	...	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	200 00
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	38	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	12	2	14	17	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	36	3	3	3	3	4	...	1	...	...	11	4	18	12	2 00	26	125 67	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes
337	Victoria.....	Victoria.....	36	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	3	15	14	...	5	16 00	Jan. 19, '94.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the Annual Report of the D. D. G. M. for Wellington District, No. 7.

During my term of office I have officially visited all the Lodges in my jurisdiction, twenty-one in number. I have also unofficially visited a number of the Lodges as frequently as possible.

My official visits have been made to each Lodge on the night of their regular meeting, and with two exceptions I have been able to be present at the regular hour for opening the Lodge.

The dates and order of my visits are as follows :

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt, August 8th, 1893.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin, September 5th, 1893.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, October 20th, 1893.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph, November 7th, 1893.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin, November 8th, 1893.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston, November 24th, 1893.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph, November 27th, 1893.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph, December 12th, 1893.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt, December 26th, 1893.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, December 27th, 1893.

Conestogo, No. 259, Drayton, January 23rd, 1894.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, March 20th, 1894.

Preston, Lodge, No. 297, Preston, April 13th, 1894.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, April 17th, 1894.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, April 18th, 1894.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham, May 15th, 1894.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford, May 21st, 1894.

Harriston Lodge, No. 162, Harriston, June 11th, 1894.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr, June 12th, 1894.

St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, Mt. Forest, June 15th, 1894.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley, July 11th, 1894.

I also attended a special communication of Grand Lodge held in the town of Palmerston on August 11th, 1893, called at the request of Blair Lodge, No. 314, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new public school. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master Hon. J. M. Gibson and other prominent Masons conducted the ceremonies, assisted by a very large number of Masons from surrounding Lodges, altogether mak-

ing one of the most imposing and largest assemblies of the Craft it has ever been my privilege to witness. Right Worshipful Bro. H. Hyndman, Master of Blair Lodge, his officers and members are to be congratulated on the success of the whole proceedings, they having spared no trouble or expense to make the affair correspond with the importance and dignity of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The decorations of the town and public buildings of Palmerston on the occasion was very gratifying, and showed the high estimation to which Masonry had attained in that enterprising town. After the corner stone was well and truly laid, the M. W. the Grand Master made an oration appropriate to the occasion, after which the brethren of Blair Lodge entertained all their visitors to a sumptuous collation. The proceedings closed with a concert in the evening, which was well attended by members of the Craft and their friends and enjoyed by all.

On December 20th, 1693, I was present at a special communication of Grand Lodge held in the village of Hespeler, called for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of New Hope Lodge, No. 279. In the absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Past Grand Master Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, stated he had come to conduct the ceremony, which he did, assisted by R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason and others, to the satisfaction of all present. The brethren of New Hope Lodge have a very comfortable, neat, well-furnished hall, and are worthy of all praise for the efforts they have put forth in providing themselves with a convenient and well-appointed Masonic Home. The banquet provided on the occasion was a feature enjoyed by all present, and was of such a character as show that hospitality is one of the distinguishing characteristics of the brethren of New Hope Lodge.

It is also very gratifying to report St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, Mt. Forest, having during the year leased new premises, comodious and well situated. They have furnished it throughout with new and elegant furniture, the rooms are electric lighted, and altogether they have attractive and well appointed Lodge accommodations. St. Albans Lodge are using these rooms exclusively for Masonic purposes and are to be congratulated and commended, not only for their enterprise and zeal, but also on their decision in conforming to the constitution by withdrawing from premises occupied jointly with other societies.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, is still meeting in a Lodge Room controlled by another society. They have endeavored, but so far without success, to get a suitable place for their exclusive use. I think there is enterprise enough in Durham Lodge to

follow the example of their neighbor, St Albans, in the matter referred to. If they once take seriously hold of the matter, it won't be long before they come into line with the other Lodges in the District.

INSTALLATIONS.

I regret not having been able to oblige a number of Lodges who invited me to install their officers. I was able to conduct the installation of the officers of Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph ; Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus ; Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton ; Guelph Lodge, No. 358, Guelph.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the year seven Lodges have had their numbers reduced by death ; 13 Lodges have not been visited by death during the the Masonic year, the other Lodge, Prince Arthur, No. 334, I have not been able to ascertain if they have lost any members or not.

I regret to have to report the death of V. W. Bro. Alex. Bruce, Grand Steward, a P. M. of Speed Lodge, No. 180, who died April 20th, 1894. In the death of V. W. Bro. Bruce, the Lodges of Guelph lose one of their brightest and most universally esteemed members, a Brother whose kindly and cheerful manner, genial smile and ready wit has so often gained the applause of the brethren. Guelph Lodge, No. 258, lost three members by death, W. Bro. John A. Angell, Bro. Edward Tuthill and Bro. James Sparks.

W. Bro. Angell was a Past Master of Guelph Lodge, was well-known as an upright man and Mason and an enthusiastic worker in the Craft. He died September 23th, 1893.

Bro. Edward Tuthill was a M. M. He died February 6th, 1894, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Guelph Lodge reports their thanks to W. Bro. L. R. Baldwin and his brethren of Niagara River Lodge, No. 785, for their attention to Bro. Tuthill during his short sickness and at his death.

Bro. James Sparks, M. M., died June 19th, 1894. He was known as a quiet unassuming brother. The Fraternally felt a sympathetic cord touched in his behalf as he is said not to have any relatives or kindred in the whole world.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, had one member die. Bro. Jas. Galbraith, M. M., who died February 14th, 1894, after a long and distressing illness. Bro. Galbraith was a man admired for his kindly and sterling qualities.

W. Bro. Tindale, a charter member of Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, died during the year.

Two member of No. 72 Galt, are gone to their rest. Bro. John Ferguson, M. M., died June 16th, 1894, also Bro. Albert

E. Attwood, M. M., who died at Riverside, Illinois, U. S., on the 19th March, 1894.

Harris Lodge, No. 216. Orangeville regrets the loss of two esteemed brethren. On the 10th of May, 1894, Bro. Alexander Sutherland, M. M., passed away. He was a member of Harris Lodge for the last 13 years and formerly a member of Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, also Bro. Harry Bodden, F. C., died suddenly on the 8th June, 1894. He was to have been raised to the degree of a M. M. on June 12th had he lived.

St. Alban's, Mt Forest, reports the death of Bro. J. T. Kilgour, a M. M. of Rural Lodge, Kansas City. He was formerly a member of St. Alban's for about ten years; he died on December 22nd, 1893. At the request of Rural City Lodge, St. Alban's conducted the funeral rites.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, lost two members.

At the request of King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto, the Guelph City Lodges, Speed, Guelph and Waverly, conducted the funeral ceremonies over the body of Bro. W. B. Clark, M. M., a member of the above Lodge, who died in Guelph on January 17th, 1894. By request I officiated on the occasion, also on the occasion of the burial of V. W. Bro. Alexander Bruce.

Masonry in the 7th Masonic District may be said to be in a prosperous condition, all the Lodges excepting one or two, have added to their members and have made substantial progress, so far as I could ascertain six Lodges have suspended members for N. P. D. I regret that it is sometimes found necessary to suspend members for the above reason. I hold the opinion that very few members would be suspended for N. P. D. if the W. M.'s would charge themselves with the oversight of the Lodge finances and by faithful work, kindly counsel, advice and insistence see to it that no Brother who can afford to pay his dues is allowed to fall in arrears to an amount that seems too large to pay out at one time. If those brethren who are apt to let their dues get behind are properly reminded in time, and get to understand that they must conform to the duty of contributing regularly for the privilege of being a member of our ancient and honorable society, I think they will have more respect for the Craft, and we will hear less about suspensions for N. P. D.

No charge or complaint has been made with regard to the conduct of any Mason in the District. All the Lodges and each individual Brother are working together with that love and harmony that should at all times characterize Freemasons. The W. M.'s and officers chosen to preside over the Craft, so far as I could judge, are without exception well fitted to dis-

charge the duties of their respective offices. In all cases where I have had the privilege of seeing the work done, it has been well done and in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge. In Lodges where no work was performed on the occasion of my visit, I satisfied myself from enquiries that the officers were well posted and that the work of Masonry was being carried on to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In a District where all is peace, harmony and brotherly love, I think it unnecessary to write a paragraph on my visit to each particular Lodge as I would have to practically repeat the same story without much variation. I found nothing to condemn, little to criticise, but much to commend among the rulers of the Craft who are zealously endeavoring to work for the best interest of their respective Lodges, and for the Craft as a whole, always ready and willing to conform to the resolutions and rules of Grand Lodge, also to the constitution of Grand Lodge and all properly constituted authority.

I avail my self of this opportunity to return my sincere thanks to the representatives of No. 7 District for the honor conferred on me by unanimously electing me to the highest office in their power to bestow, and for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me by the entire fraternity with whom I have come in contact during my official year. In retiring at the end of my term I shall always remember with pleasure the many welcome receptions I have received, also the hospitality extended. I am indebted to a number of brethren for many acts of kindness, advice and assistance. I may specially mention under this head the names of R. W. Bro. John Scoon, R. W. Bro. Hugh Hyndman, R. W. Bro. A. B. Petrie and W. Bro. T. Flath. I may further state that all the Lodges in the District have shown their appreciation of the labors of there District officer by cheerfully and without solicitation contributing to his travelling expenses.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

CHAS. PETTIFORD, D. D. G. M.,
Wellington District, No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.		Membership		Degree's conferred.			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.					Total.											
72	Alma	Galt.....	77	1	8	1	5	3	3	1	1	3	13	13	15	22	\$45 00	5	\$12 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Excellent	Yes	\$ 700 00	
131	Grand River	Berlin.....	88	3	3	1	8	8	6	1	1	1	13	13	20	25	00	Nil	00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	1000 00	
172	Ayr	Ayr	30	3	3	4	4	4	4	1	1	2	2	12	16	13	40	4	16 00	June 21, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00	
190	Speed	Guelph	99	6	5	6	4	4	4	1	2	2	1	13	21	29	33	20	220 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00	
200	St. Albans.....	Mount Forest	45	4	4	4	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	13	21	15	15	10	80 00	June 21, '94	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	400 00	
203	Irvine	Elora	41	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	2	13	11	14	33	60	14	00	June 21, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	600 00	
216	Harris.....	Orangeville	121	7	3	6	7	1	1	1	2	3	2	15	31	43	60	22	130 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	600 00	
237	Guelph	Guelph	80	4	10	4	3	2	2	3	3	12	2	14	29	10	00	00	00	June 21, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	600 00	
238	Galt	Harriston	40	4	7	1	3	3	3	1	7	12	1	10	13	15	00	7	34 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00	
271	Wellington	Hesper	49	3	3	5	6	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	18	55	00	3	11 00	June 21, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00	
279	Now Hope.....	Drayton.....	31	5	1	5	4	1	1	1	1	11	1	12	9	8	00	2	33 00	Dec. 27, '93.	None.	Poor.	Yes	400 00	
285	Conestoga.....	Preston.....	19	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	9	9	15	13	13	00	12	115 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	None	
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	43	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	15	15	15	13	60	12	2	50 00	June 21, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00	
314	Hair	Palmerston	51	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	19	17	00	2	50 00	June 21, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00	
315	Clifford	Clifford	41	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	2	15	19	17	00	2	50 00	June 21, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00	
334	P're Arthur	Arthur	41	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	2	15	19	17	00	2	50 00	June 21, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00	
347	Mercer	Fergus	40	7	6	4	6	3	1	1	1	11	1	12	10	28	00	3	15 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00	
364	Waverly	Guelph	40	7	6	4	6	3	1	1	1	11	1	12	10	23	00	3	14 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	200 00	
421	Scott	Grand Valley	24	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	14	10	00	3	14 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	200 00	

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my Report on the condition of Masonry in the Eight Masonic District.

I appointed as District Secretary W. Bro. James G. Liddell, whose skilful assistance has halved the welcome burden, which without his aid would have been doubled.

The incumbent of this office, endeavoring to keep pace with such zealous and expert craftsmen as have preceded me, has no sinecure, and if the detailed report which follows should meet with your approbation, I shall return to your hands the charge I received at them twelve months ago with a far lighter heart than that with which I assumed it.

I have visited officially all the Lodges but two, and had made appointments for these also, but an accident met with while in the discharge of my official duty, or rather when returning from it through an unusually severe thunder storm, compelled me to depute R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, I. P. D. D. G. M., to fill them, which he kindly did in his well known brotherly and craftsmanlike manner. Beside these I have, at the earnest invitation of the W. M.'s of Strict Observance, St. John's, Acacia, and Temple Lodges installed their officers on Dec. 27th, and also the officers of Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford, June 25th.

DEDICATIONS.

The special communication of Grand Lodge held at Milton for the purpose of dedicating their new Lodge Room, I was unfortunately unable to attend, but that held at Stratford to dedicate the Lodge Room of Stratford and Tecumseh Lodges was attended by me with a rare result of pleasure and profit.

RELIEF.

I am pleased to be able to state that the practice of a wise Masonic charity is commencing to assume the form of a habit among the brethren of this District, and many a free will offering, over and above the routine relief, it has been my pleasure to see laid upon the Masonic altar.

GRIEVANCES.

All Glory to the Most High—None.

DEATHS.

More than twenty-four brethren have taken their dimitt ever-

lasting from the Hamilton District since it last reported to *this* Grand Lodge.

"Death levels all" here, but in the Grand Lodge above they will be assigned their proper places, each his own.

Therefore, we depart from the usual custom of obituaries by asking the craft to heave a single sigh of not uncheerful regret for the twenty-four links of that continuity by which "the whole round world is every way bound by gold chains unto the feet of God."

VISITS.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, was visited June 11th, 1894, this being the date of the annual election of officers. It was a pleasing feature that those who have qualified themselves by bearing the onus of inferior offices cheerfully and skilfully were, generally speaking, permitted to assume the responsibility of the next highest office. This Lodge is very strong in numbers, finances and brotherly love.

The Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton, was visited by me December 13th, 1893. Being the night of the annual election of officers this date was characterized more by the precision of the routine work than by brilliancy of ritual work, but the officers elected are known to me as good men, and true and and trusty Craftsmen. It was a most delicate compliment to find that distinguished brethren had come out in large numbers to meet the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. This Lodge is also very strong in every respect.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, was visited by me December 21st, 1894. This Lodge is numerically the strongest in the District and well up to the mark in every respect. It makes laudable efforts to retain its enviable position. A most pleasing feature of this meeting was the presenting of a Past Master's jewel to V. W. Bro. Aitcheson, an old and honored adherent of the Craft and who had the unusual felicity to be decorated while his son, W. Bro. W. J. Aitcheson, was the Master of the Lodge.

The Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford, received me officially February 13th, 1894. This Lodge has in the past few years proved the stamina of its members by gradually improving its good record until it is recognized as taking a proud position among the Sister Lodges of the District. W. Bro. Harley has a staff of good men under him, and lots of good material is accumulating to assume the offices when the Lodge demands it.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook, turned out on Oct. 25th, 1893, as sympathetic and fraternal an assembly as I have met anywhere in the District. W. Bro. Fisher and a number

of brethren from Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, were present. The Lodge, under its efficient Master, W. Bro. Dr. Mullock, and faithful Secretary, W. Bro. Senn, does excellent work and is in good financial standing. It was at Harmony Lodge after meeting that I first undertook in fear and trembling to make a departure from conventional after-dinner customs (referred to hereafter), and the brethren by their kind attention and evident appreciation encouraged me to continue it through my subsequent visits.

The Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, was visited officially by me December 8th. It being their annual election I presided, and had the gratification of announcing to the brethren the officers elect for the ensuing twelve months. Their finances are sound, their growth healthy, their vitality electric.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia, on March 21st, 1894, extended to me through V. W. Bro. Jas. Old, Jr., a welcome as whole-souled, and a hospitality as profuse as heart could wish. During the Lodge meeting the work was exemplified craftsmanlike, and the status of the Lodge found excellent, indeed here the dues are better looked after and less in arrears than in almost any other Lodge in the District. Here, too, I met Bro. John Senn, brother of W. Bro. J. F. Senn, Secretary of Harmony Lodge, Binbrook. Bros. D. J. Waterous and H. J. Inglis, of Doric Lodge, Brantford, accompanied me.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas, was visited by me officially March 19th, 1894. It was a source of intense pleasure to meet with M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, R. W. Bros. Malloy, Russell and Gunn, and V. W. Bro. McCallum, besides a contingent of about fifty Hamilton brethren. Fraternity "springs perennial" in that charming valley, and is cultivated and nurtured alike by home and neighboring brethren. This plant blossoms out on this occasion in the presentation of a P. M.'s Jewel to W. Bro. Greening, whose frosted head honored the Lodge, but whom fate separates from his brethren there. I am sorry that I cannot compliment the Lodge on their system of collecting dues.

The Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, received me March, 10th, 1894. The brethren, many of whom were from sister Lodges, seemed to take a double pleasure in welcoming at once the D. D. G. M. and a Past Master of their Lodge. The first degree was worked in an exemplary manner, W. Bro. W. F. Patterson being supported by efficient officers. I regret to have to report the death of Bro. C. F. Cox, the untiring Secretary of this Lodge. His end was lingering and painful, and

almost made his friends cease to regret his death, seeing he had been obliged to live.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, received me officially March 29th, 1894. An unusually happy season was spent, the brethren being in their new rooms and the affairs of the Lodge being altogether very satisfactory. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and afterwards a very pleasant and profitable hour spent at the festive board. Masonic life is strong and healthy in St. Clair brethren.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: On November 22nd, 1893, I visited this Lodge and saw the first degree carefully exemplified by W. Bro. Kearns. He was not supported by his regular staff of officers, but still they showed good Masonry. The Secretary's work is efficiently performed. I had the pleasure here of meeting R. W. Bro. W. Kearns and many friends from Waterdown, W. Bro. Dr. Courtenay, of Waterdown Lodge, acting for me as District Secretary.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stony Creek extended me a most fraternal greeting November 20th, 1893. The Master, W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Howitt, opened and closed in the three degrees, and proved himself a capable officer. The Lodge is happy in possessing its own premises, and the dues are collected with fair precision. The Secretary is reliable. Insurance adequate. W. Bro. Dr. L. Carr, though a Past Master, is one to be relied on when his services are required.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, is one of the Lodges which disability prevented me from visiting, but the brethren must have delighted to honor R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, who consented to fill my place at a moment's notice, May 18th, 1894. He reports the progress of Masonry very satisfactory in this Lodge, the W. M. able, the brethren interested and anxious to obtain more light. The work of the Secretary can vie with the best in the District.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George: This Lodge received me officially April 19th, and proved itself very much alive indeed. Under W. Bro. Jas. Vanatter the Lodge prospers, and the brethren appear to order in respectable numbers. I notice with regret the absence of R. W. Bro. Dr. Kitchen, but was pleased to renew acquaintance with W. Bros. John Laurason and R. G. Laurason. I have to make special mention of the custom this Lodge maintains of regular and systematic visitation of the sick and the record of same kept in their minutes.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: In a treacherous lull between two violent storms I visited this Lodge May 16th, 1894, accompanied by Bro. Davis, of Doric Lodge, Brantford.

I was welcomed by the Ancaster brethren, who were joined on that occasion by R. W. Bro. Malloy, V. W. Bro. McCallum, W. Bros. Kittson, Ferris and Birrell, Bros. Dr. Storms, Hand and others. W. Bro. Kittson acting as District Secretary, reported the Lodge in excellent financial standing, and, if possible, working in greater harmony than ever before. After a very pleasant social hour I left for Brantford, and on the road felt the lightning bolt which compelled me to call R. W. Bro. Gunn to my assistance on the two following nights.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro', November 23rd, found me here in spite of the severe weather and an attack of grippe caught during the visits of the two previous nights. The Lodge is prosperous, the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, and a very profitable half hour thereafter spent in discussing Masonry. W. Bro. Simons was a familiar face, and I had expected to meet him at Ancaster but family bereavement prevented it.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton, is the only Lodge beside Credit that I did not visit, and for the same reason, but R. W. Bro. Gunn reported that W. Bro. John Kenney, Jr., conferred the second degree creditably. Insurance sufficient. Cash, \$75 over liabilities, and Secretary faithful.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton, made Dec. 12th, 1894, the date of one of the most pleasant official visits paid by me this year. The annual election held at this date precluded work in the degrees, but from past experience I know Temple Lodge could not have poor officers. W. Bro. Kenneth Bethune, the retiring Master, has left a record for good Masonry that may well be emulated. The financial condition of the Lodge is sound, and all the officers expert Craftsmen.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Waterdown: On the 24th October, 1894, I paid my first official visit to this Lodge and was supported by the presence from Hamilton of R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn and Russell, V. W. Bro. Grant, W. Bro. Bethune, Bro. Dr. Storms and brethren from Burlington. One candidate was initiated, and after seeing the Lodge was in every respect in good condition, and the secretary's work performed in a perfectly creditable manner, the brethren adjourned to the social board, where a pleasant time was spent.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, received me June 18th, 1894, according to established custom, this being the night of annual election of officers. This Lodge is by no means to be considered as struggling for estimation but as having conquered all obstacles and being now on the high road of many duties well performed to the highest success. Although the weather prevented many from turning out, the enthusiasm of

those present compensated and Doric completed her Masonic year amid many congratulations and much rejoicing. V. W. Bro. T. McCallum acted as District Secretary.

Oakville Lodge No. 400, Oakville: I visited this Lodge on a special date, March 28th, 1894, in order to meet many brethren, who being sailors, would shortly be leaving to "go down into the deep in ships." We were joined by many brethren from Hamilton, and V. W. Bro. Ferrah proved himself as good an entertainer as he has ere this a Mason. The Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees proving the officers efficient workmen. The financial condition is good and the books well kept.

In conclusion let me return thanks to the several Lodges for their uniform consideration and kindness extended to me during my visits. I had made up my mind that what Masons wanted was not dry statistics, but a direct application of the principles of Masonry to their daily walk and conversation, and with this point in view I have framed all my remarks, whether in the Lodge Room or at the refreshment table. My own personal reflections on the work done on these proposed lines are not too delightful, but perhaps I "have builded better than I knew," in which case I shall not regret that the gospel preached was not put into the mouth of a more consistent apostle.

Lastly, let me thank all brethren who assisted me, some with their kind acts and words, others with more tangible expressions of good will, such as lovely baskets of choice flowers and similar mementos of esteem for their goodness. They have lightened what I have elsewhere termed a welcome burden, with assistance that cannot lightly be forgotten.

All of which is Fraternally submitted,

F. C. HEATH, M. D., D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District, No. 5.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

In presenting this my report on the condition of Masonry in Georgian District, I desire to extend to the brethren of the District my warmest thanks for the very great honor done me in selecting me as the representative of the M. W. the G. M. in this District, and it affords me pleasure to have this opportunity of expressing my high appreciation of the hospitable and fraternal spirit with which they have received me on all occasions throughout the District.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular request to the different Lodges to contribute their proportion towards the purchase of a new set of District regalia. The readiness of the response was most gratifying, all the Lodges promptly and cheerfully sending in their amounts.

Following this was the appointment of W. Bro. J. A. Cameron, of Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, as District Secretary, to whom I am under many obligations for his efficient services so cheerfully rendered. It was also a pleasure to me to appoint as District Chaplain R. W. Rev. Bro. Crystal, of Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton.

I have officially visited each Lodge in the District—some of them twice—and feeling so thoroughly in touch with them I think I am quite warranted in venturing the opinion that never in the history of the District did peace and harmony more generally prevail, never was there more proficient and uniform work done, nor a better Masonic spirit exhibited amongst the members. The condition of Masonry in the District is undoubtedly good, there being an absence of any disturbing element, no dispute or grievance requiring adjustment at my hands. This gratifying state of affairs has contributed largely to the feeling of pride and satisfaction with which I look back on the happiest Masonic year of my life. In my opinion all this is due primarily to the commendable system of District supervision adopted by Grand Lodge, and more directly to the efficient and painstaking work of my predecessors, the results of whose labors are plainly visible as land marks in the District.

VISITS.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: This Lodge has been dormant since April, 1891. A reference to the report of my predecessor will show that a recommendation was made to

surrender their warrant. Before allowing the oldest Lodge in the District to pass either out of existence or to some other locality, I wrote the last elected W. M. three times, hoping by a little effort to revive it, but elicited no reply. I also wrote R. W. Bro. Broughton, P.D.D.G.M., with a like result. I then opened up a correspondence with W. Bro. Jas. Boddy with much better success. To his efforts and zeal is to be attributed the revival of this old Lodge. Acting in conjunction with Bro. Edmanson, a meeting of the brethren was convened, and armed with a dispensation from the G. M. to elect and install, I proceeded to Bradford on the 12th January, meeting sixteen of the brethren, and had the pleasure of reviving old Simcoe. With R. W. Bro. Broughton in the east I look for good results, though so far no notice of subsequent meetings has been received by me.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound : A joint meeting of these two Lodges was convened to receive me officially on November 22nd, when I found an unusually large attendance and much enthusiasm. The East was creditably filled with P. M's., showing that their interest in the work was not on the wane. The work was admirably exemplified by the officers of each Lodge. All the proper forms of books were in use, the minute book of Bro. Munroe being especially neat. Each of these Lodges is to be congratulated on having so commodious and well-furnished a hall, containing as it does, all the requisite appointments and appliances. My visit to this strong Masonic town was made especially enjoyable by R. W. Bro Mayor McLaughlan, whose accomplishment, by the way, was most apparent in his happy exemplification of the fourth degree.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood : The ordinary visitor to this town will be struck with the imposing exterior of the Temple, but a visit to the interior will delight every lover of Craft work. The love of Masonry which inspired the erection of so grand a monument to Craft work in this District was promptly aided by the enterprise and zeal which has always characterized the brethren of this Lodge, and as a consequence the home-like character of the Lodge Room with its neat and strictly Masonic furnishings attracts large attendances of the brethren. It was no surprise therefore to me on the occasion of my visit to the Lodge on the 24th of January to find upwards of sixty members in their places. Numbering as this Lodge does among its members, a Past G. M. and several Past G. L. officers, it is evident their precepts have established the practice of considering merit the only password to office. This fact was emphasized on witnessing the creditable manner in

which W. Bro. M. Watts exemplified the second degree, not the least commendable part of which was the able manner in which he was assisted by his Wardens, the Brothers Wilson. The S. W. was especially perfect and deliberate in his explanation of the Tracing Board. The books are kept in just such a neat and correct manner as Bro. C. A. McDonald is familiar with. This Lodge has all the requisite equipments and appliances as well as the skill and ability to use them, and I congratulate the brethren on their happy surroundings. The annual "At Home" is a feature in this Lodge and is always looked to as the occasion of a happy Fraternal re-union.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: The occasion of my official visit to this grand old Lodge on the 1st March was marked in the first instance by my hospitable and cordial reception by W. M. Bro. Jno. Dickinson at his beautiful residence, where I had the opportunity of renewing Masonic acquaintances of former years around a very sumptuous board. Those hospitalities being over, duty took us to their most elegantly furnished Lodge room where the reception given me by upwards of seventy members in their places exceeded in enthusiasm any that I had received in the District. The faultless rendering of the first degree by W. Bro. Dickinson was evidently appreciated by more than myself, and it is only fair to say that the character of his work and that of all his officers entitles Corinthian to the position of the banner Lodge of the District. The efficient support by Bro. F. Montgomery, S. W., and Bro. McLaren, J. W., shows them both to be competent coming men for the east. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept in the manner in which all the books in the District should be kept. Subsequently I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge at an emergent meeting on the occasion of the visit of V. W. Bro. Roper and his officers of Orillia.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192: When four thirds were confirmed—one each by R. W. King, V. W. Bro. Roper, W. Bro. Urquhart and W. Bro. Dickinson—all of which was excellent, the old veteran R. W. Bro. King, showing himself equal to the occasion. W. Bro. Dickinson is to be commended in encouraging and bringing to such a successful issue these mutual interchanges as much good must result from them.

True Blue Lodge, No 98, Bolton: A reference to the notice paper will show that application is to be made to this Grand Lodge to transfer this Lodge to Toronto District. This should be done as the latter District practically overlaps it and it is moreover more readily reached from Toronto than from any part of this District. The building, which is a one story one, is owned by the Lodge, is furnished elegantly with all

necessary equipments and reflects much credit on the brethren. W. Bro. Martin exemplified the first degree in a highly creditable manner, and was ably supported by his officers, particularly by his J. W., who delivered his charge remarkably well. The books are all of the proper forms and are all well kept. Evidently W. Bro. Roberts is the *stand by* and he looks well to the interests of the Craft in this locality. This visit was made November 17th.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: Visited this Lodge February 16th. Unfortunately both the W. M. and S. W. were ill and not able to attend the meeting, but W. Bro. Sparling in the east and W. Bro. Hammell in the west exemplified the work in a creditable manner. I regretted indeed the absence of R. W. Bro. McCarroll, also through illness. The books are all well kept, and their nicely furnished and Masonically equipped hall indicate that, though suffering under temporary affliction, the Lodge is maintaining its position. It is worthy of note that W. Bro. Hammell propounded his usual question about the S. W. vouching for visiting brethren. The 4th degree was the happiest event of the evening, ample provision being made for it and all the members bring well up in it.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: One of the most enjoyable visits of the year was that of January 19th to this Lodge. The heartiness with which the fifty members received me and the precision with which the grand honors were given satisfied me that Orillia had come to the front. But a short time ago this Lodge was only financially poor, but there seemed to be an apathy which threatened its future. It is most gratifying for me to report now that, under the acceptable presidency of V. W. Bro. Roper for the past two years, all financial difficulties have disappeared and it has sprung up into active and vigorous life. V. W. Bro. Roper's work is simply perfect, and there is no lodge in the District where the W. M. receives more able support from all his officers, each of whom knows his duty and does it. With a well situated hall, handsome furnishings, all necessary requirements and a determination on the part of the brethren to go ahead, there is a grand prospect for this Lodge. The year has marked the adoption of a new code of by-laws. The books are exceptionally well kept and Bro. Robinson has just reason to be proud of them.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: I visited this Lodge November 27th, and witnessed the opening and closing in the three degrees by W. Bro. J. Hood, which was well done. In the absence of a candidate no other work was exemplified. On looking over the record of attendance of members I found it

very small and that no degrees had been recently conferred. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well kept. With the surroundings of this Lodge there should be a better showing.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg : I visited this Lodge November 21st and found it a very comfortable, well-equipped Lodge, with all the necessary requirements for the practice of Craft work. The W. M. was not present, but in his absence R. W. Bro. Pye raised Bro. Kent to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, well and ably supported by his officers. The books of the Secretary, V. W. Bro. Dickinson, are remarkably neat and well kept, and the Lodge is to be congratulated upon having so careful and efficient an officer. The Treasurer's book was also in good shape. The practice of annually decorating the graves of the departed brethren is still continued by this Lodge and is always the occasion of such solemnity.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown : After the critical experience of this Lodge last year it seems to have profited by the remarks of my predecessor. On the occasion of my visit on September 26th, I found things in a very hopeful state. Though the W. M. Bro. John Robinson does not receive that support which is due to him from his officers, yet his untiring energy and proficiency in the work aided by the brethren. W. Bro. T. S. Patterson keeps the Lodge in a presentable form. The material which has been accepted since my visit to this Lodge promises to assist in correcting its weak point, and I feel that ample support for the East is now in view. W. Bro. Robinson opened and closed in the three degrees and conferred the E. A. degree upon a candidate very nicely indeed, giving, in the absence of his J. W., the explanation to the T. B. with great credit to himself. The Secretary's books are in a fairly good shape, but some irregularity appears in the Treasurer's, there being a balance of \$92.76 shown therein, whereas the Auditor's report shows a balance of only \$52.56. From a subsequent visit to this Lodge I have no hesitation in saying the prospects are better than for some time past. Their meeting room, I regret to say, is most unsuitable, and I strongly urged them to make a change.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland : On November 14th, I paid my official visit to this Lodge and found it progressing in a very creditable manner, witnessing three initiations and the reception of three joining members. In the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. Raikes with the officers of the Lodge exemplified the first degree in a most creditable manner. Their hall is most commodious and neatly furnished, the books being of the proper form and well and neatly kept. The membership has increased materially during the year, and quite

recently, W. Bro. Raikes writes me, "I wish you could see my boys work now." With him as the pilot there is no doubt about the future of Caledonia.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner : During the year just past the brethren of this Lodge have moved into larger and more convenient premises and have fitted them up in a good Masonic style. This being my Mother Lodge I, of course, have had the opportunity of visiting it more than once during the year and have witnessed the work by the out-going W. M., W. Bro. J. A. Cameron, and the present W. M., W. Bro. F. Campbell, both of whom have kept it up well. There is now no debt existing and the Treasurer's and Secretary's books are well and neatly kept. Under the guidance of the old veteran, W. Bro. Briggs, all goes well here.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston : On visiting this Lodge on September 25th, it was a matter of deep regret to find that the attendance had for some time been exceedingly small, there being on that evening barely a quorum. On enquiry I found that many members had demitted and were still resident in the town, upon the majority of whom I called on the following morning. This is an instance in which the W. M. is the sole worker with no support whatever from his officers. In the work exemplified W. Bro. Hunter showed himself well skilled, giving evidence of his ability to execute it and willingness to sacrifice his time had he only that support which it is the duty of every officer to give to the W. M. I recommended the purchase of a proper cash book for the Secretary, a new members' register and proper register for the ante room, as well as little more care in keeping the records. It was my intention to revisit this Lodge, but from various reasons I was unable to do so.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud : Accompanied by sixteen of the Barrie brethren I visited this Lodge on April 17th. Both Wardens were absent, but the W. M., W. Bro. W. D. B. Spry, with impromptu officers exemplified the work of the 1st degree in a very creditable manner. The Secretary, Bro. Chantler, keeps his books in splendid form and the Treasurer's books show a neat little balance. With a few more such members as Bros. Chantler and Dolmage there would be a good prospect for this Lodge and it would then rank above the level of a training school for P. M's.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton : I visited this Lodge on April 5th, and was pleased to mark the progress which it is making. The exemplification by the W. M., W. Bro. Carter, was good, but the impressiveness of the third as conferred by Rev. W. Bro. Wells, was such as not to be readily forgotten. Their premises are neat and well adapted, furnish-

ings very good, and books of Secretary and Treasurer well and carefully kept. I was impressed with the true fraternal spirit which prevailed, the principal evidence of which was the unusually liberal annual grant which for years has been continued to one of their numbers in distressed circumstances. This Lodge is in a most satisfactory state.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene : This Lodge is now, I am happy to state, in a prosperous state. The little cloud that passed over it had its silver lining, and it was my privilege to congratulate the members on the result of their efforts. On the occasion of my visit to it on the 4th January I found a fair attendance, and much interest was manifested in the work of the Lodge. The W. M. has the interest of the work at heart, and exemplifies it with much skill. The books of the Secretary, W. Bro. Binkley, are neatness itself. The Treasurer's also are in proper form. The true brotherly acts of the members are worthy of mention, and, I regret to say, have rather depleted their not overflowing treasury, they having generously nursed and cared for their own sick members, and paid the nursing and funeral expenses of an outside brother, who nevertheless was deserving of these last sad offices. The equipments of this Lodge are all that could be desired, and its prospects are good.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne : I visited this Lodge on April 6th, and found all the officers present and a very large attendance of the brethren. I was much pleased with their well appointed, handsomely furnished Lodge room and convenient ante and dining rooms, rendering the premises one of the most attractive and home-like in the District. This Lodge is doing good work and a reference to their Tyler's register shows large and regular attendances. The W. M. Bro. T. F. Brown confirmed the third degree in a very creditable manner indeed, the support of his officers being excellent. Both the Secretary's and Treasurer's books are uniformly and properly kept. The generous grant of \$25.00 to the Hospital for Sick Children is an evidence of the true Masonic spirit prevailing here, and be it remembered this donation was in lieu of their annual St. John's night supper. This is one of the most enthusiastic and prosperous Lodges in the District. W. Bro. C. Mason keeps his eye on the work.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton : Last, but by no means least, on the night of my visit to this Lodge, September 27th, there were present all the officers excepting the I. G. and a large number of the brethren who are justly proud of their fine hall and furnishings. The second degree as exemplified by W. Bro. Wm. Bell was excellent. The Secretary, W. Bro. Croft, is a

painstaking officer, and as a consequence his books are nicely and constitutionally kept. The Treasurer's books are also in nice order, an examination of which showed only one case of arrears of dues. This is exceptional and may well be taken note of by some other Lodges. The East was well filled with P. M's. and it was encouraging to witness the peace and harmony which prevails.

TEMPERANCE.

As the question of prohibiting the use of stimulants at Masonic gatherings has been pronounced upon several times by Grand Lodge, it might be proper for me just here, to remark the result of my observation throughout the District, regarding the practice. On the occasion of each of my visits, with but a single exception, the fourth degree was most hospitably introduced, and it is most hopeful for me to report that in no instance were stimulants used, and on only three occasions was there ale on the table. This, in my opinion, would indicate the wisdom of Grand Lodge in declining to interfere with the rights of subordinate Lodges to regulate the matter for themselves. I have invariably commended the absence of any stimulants whatever and would venture the prediction that my successor will be able to report the practice discontinued in this District.

DEATHS.

The grim monster seems to have claimed but few here during the past year as only two deaths have been reported to me, viz, Bro. Donald Macniven, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie, and Bro. P. H. Bauder, of North Star Lodge, 322, Owen Sound.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued four Dispensations to Lodges allowing the brethren to attend Divine Service clothed as Masons, viz :

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Sherburne.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton.

Manito, Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton.

CONCLUSION.

In handing over to my successor the charge of office I feel that, while appreciating the very great honor conferred upon me in selecting me for this honorable position, I have nevertheless but imperfectly discharged the duties which belong to it, but I shall always carry with me a lively recollection of the many kindnesses which I have met with from the brethren in the District. To M. W. Bro. Robertson my thanks are due

for kindly counsel and assistance. I regret that I am able to show only a partial statistical table of work done which is appended.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. B. SANDERS, D. D. G. M.,
Georgian Dis., No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Degree's conf'd		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, M. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Cap. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.							F. C.	M. M.	Regular.										Emergent.	Total.
79	Simeoe.....	Bradford.....	77	4	1	4	1	2	1	1	15	2	17	16	100 00	3	\$ 315 00	January.	Good.	Rest.	Yes	\$ 500 00
88	St. George's	Owen Sound...	102	6	6	6	9	2	8	2	4	...	12	5	17	35	45 00	33	175 00	January.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Insur'd	
90	Manito.....	Collingwood ..	54	3	2	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	8	8	15	None	None	20	67 00	June, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	900 00
96	Corinthian	Barrie.....	52	2	6	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	12	2	14	12	41 50	10	37 88	June, '93	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	106	1	7	7	9	2	9	2	10	3	13	24	25 00	27	225 00	June, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
192	Orillia.....	Orillia	87	2	5	1	2	1	5	...	...	...	12	1	13	14	106 50	23	106 50	June, '93	Ok.	Good.	Yes	Fully.
230	Kerr	Barrie.....	44	5	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	13	15	30 00	4	39 50	June, '93	Good.	Very G'd	Yes	300 00
234	Reaver	Clarksburg ..	41	9	7	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	12	1	13	17	26 00	7	59 50	Dec., '93	Very G'd	Good.	Yes	None.
236	Manitoba...	Clarksburg ..	40	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	5	5	10	...	...	6	...	...	Fair.	No.	250 00	
219	Caledonia...	Midland.....	19	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	5	5	6	13	20 00	8	23 00	Dec., '93	Middling	Poor.	Yes	75 00
236	Nor Light.	Stayner	35	2	2	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	9	1	10	10	105 00	7	71 00	Dec., '93	Good.	Good.	No.	150 00
285	Seven Star	Alliston.....	59	9	7	5	7	1	1	2	...	...	11	11	11	10	20 00	5	29 68	Dec., '93	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
304	Minerva...	Stroud	27	1	3	...	...	1	3	1	...	...	1	3	4	17	...	1	543 00	Dec., '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	...
332	North Star.	Owen Sound...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	10	12	...	...	...	...	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
333	Pr. Arthur	Flesherton...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Good.	Yes	...
348	Georgian...	Penetang.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	...
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Good.	Yes	...
385	Spry	Reeton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting the following report upon the condition of the Craft in the 10th Masonic District.

The brethren of this District having selected me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. at the last meeting of Grand Lodge held at the city of Ottawa. I wish here to express to them my thanks for the honor conferred upon me, and also for the many acts of kindness extended to me by the officers and members of all the Lodges in the District on the occasion of my official visits.

My first official act was to issue a circular letter to all the Lodges, asking the W. M.'s to see that the notices of each meeting were duly sent to me as required by our constitution, and also to consult me at any time that I could be of any service to them. I am sorry to say that this has not been very well attended to. The notices from many of the Lodges have not come to hand as regularly as they should have done. Some few of the Lodges have never sent me a notice during the whole year.

This District contains twenty-one Lodges, and I have officially visited all the Lodges once during the Masonic year.

These visits were all made on the regular nights of meeting, and in nearly every case were well attended. I am pleased to be able to report that the condition of Masonry in this District is prosperous, and that harmony prevails throughout the entire District.

There are, however, one or two matters that I have had occasion to speak rather severely upon to many of the Lodges. First is the question of non-payment of dues, a matter that in my opinion is doing Masonry an untold amount of harm. I have made a special effort to induce the members to pay up. And also to impress upon the W. M.'s and Secretaries the need of promptly enforcing the constitution and by-laws in this respect. I am led to believe that in some of the Lodges earnest efforts are being made to reduce the amount of outstanding dues. The other evil I have to complain of is the small average attendance of members at the regular meetings of the Lodge, the average attendance being out of all proportion to the actual membership. But how to arrive at a proper cause for this lack of attendance seems to be a difficult matter.

I am of opinion that the W. M.'s and officers are themselves largely to blame in this matter in not opening their Lodges and getting to work sharp at the hour required by their by-laws. The following is an account of official visits :

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport : Visited this Lodge on September 19th. The first degree was worked by P. M. Cohoe. The work of this Lodge is scarcely up to par, in other respects its condition is improving. The average attendance during the past year was 12 equal to 46 per cent. of the membership of the Lodge. They have a small but neatly furnished Lodge Room, dues well paid up and their financial condition good.

St. George Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines : Visited this Lodge on October 24th. I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Hind and W. Bro. Duncan, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis, a number of P. M's. from Maple Leaf and Temple Lodges were present and assisted in the work of passing a Bro. which was very well done. The average attendance during the last year was less than 14 per cent. of the membership. The financial condition of this Lodge is not what it ought to be, a large number of the members being one and two years in arrears for dues.

Mountain Lodge, No. 211, Thorold : Visited this Lodge on October 25th. I was also accompanied by W. Bro. Duncan, of King Solomon Lodge, No 329. The third degree was worked by V. W. Bro. Campbell, P. M., in a fairly creditable manner. The financial condition of this Lodge is good. The average attendance during the past year was 23 per cent. of the membership. They have a large and beautifully furnished Lodge Room, which they keep well insured.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland : Visited this Lodge on November 20th. There was a fair attendance of the members. The W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Crow, exemplified the third degree, which was well done. The average attendance during the past year was 24 per cent. of the membership. The prospects of this Lodge are very good.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson : Visited this Lodge on November 21st. The attendance was about an average. There being no regular work the W. M. opened and closed in all of the three degrees. The prospects for this Lodge in the future are not good, a number of their members being in arrears for dues from two to five years. The Lodge does not meet regularly, especially during the summer season, many of their members being engaged in sailing and dredging. The average attendance, however, has been fairly good at meetings held, being 34 per cent. of the membership.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: Visited this Lodge on Nov. 23rd. The attendance was a little above an average. There being no regular work the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, which was correctly done. This Lodge, which has been in rather poor shape for a number of years, shows signs of new life, and with care on the part of the officers will in a very short time be in a good condition. There are still a number of members in arrears for dues, but every effort is being made to have them collected. There is also a prospect that during the winter additions will be made to their membership. The average attendance during the past year was 29 per cent. of the membership.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Victoria: Visited this Lodge on Nov. 28th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Jaques, P. D. D. G. M. Saw an exemplification of the third degree which was fairly well done. The attendance at my visit was a little above an average. The financial condition of this Lodge is good; they have about \$300 to their credit in the bank, and there are no members in arrears for dues over one year. They have a small but very neatly and comfortably furnished Lodge Room, which is kept well insured. The average attendance during the past year was 34 per cent. of the membership.

McNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: Visited this Lodge on December 19th. This Lodge is in a very lifeless condition and has been so for several years. On the night of my visit a candidate was balloted for and rejected, which did not add to the cheerfulness of the meeting. The election of officers took place at this meeting and I think the officers elected to fill the principal chairs were the very best that could have been chosen, and if they fail in arousing interest and establishing the Lodge on a better basis during their term of office I am afraid the outlook is very gloomy indeed. June 24th: From report sent me this date I am pleased to learn that meetings have been held regularly during the winter and that interest is being somewhat revived. The average attendance during the past year was 26 per cent. of the membership.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: Visited this lodge on Dec. 20th. There being no regular work, the W. M. opened and closed in all of the degrees in a very creditable manner. It was also the night for the election of officers, which took place apparently to the satisfaction of all the brethren. I was much pleased with the harmony that seems to exist amongst them. They have a small but neatly furnished lodge room. The average attendance during the past year was 32 per cent. of the membership.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: Visited this lodge on

January 16th. There being no regular work, the W. M. opened and closed in the first and second degrees. It being his first night in the chair he did the work fairly well. Regular meetings have not been held in this lodge during the past year, but from the appearance of things on the night of my visit they will be more regularly held during the coming year. Two petitions for membership were received that evening. I also witnessed a very pleasing event on my visit to Ivy Lodge, being the presentation by R. W. Bro. Gibson of a bank cheque for \$100.00 to Bro McDonald, a member of Mountain, No. 221, Thorold, but who has made Beamsville his home for some years. This brother, who has been ailing for some time, started shortly before my visit for California in quest of health and on reaching Chicago was robbed of all his money, with the exception of a few dollars with which he returned to Beamsville very much discouraged. Whereupon the brethren there promptly took his case in hand and raised for him \$100.00 in order to enable him to carry out his intention of going to California. R. W. Bro. Gibson made the presentation in a neat speech. Bro. McDonald thanked the brethren very feelingly for their great kindness to him in this his hour of need. The average attendance during the past year was 28 per cent. of the membership.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake : Visited this lodge on January 17th. There was no regular work on that evening. The W. M. opened and closed in all three degrees, and I am sure from the manner in which it was done that W. Bro. Taylor is a very careful worker. This lodge although not growing very fast is in a good financial condition. They own the building in which they meet and have a large and beautiful furnished lodge room clear of all debt, and a small surplus in the hands of the Treasurer. The average attendance during the past year was 34 per cent. of the membership.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls : Visited this lodge on January 18th. The work of the evening being two passings, but owing to sickness one of the candidates was not present. This is one of the best worked and most progressive lodges in the district. W. Bro. Bartle is a very accurate and careful worker and is well supported by his Wardens. They have a beautiful lodge room and a steady growing membership. The average attendance during the past year was 35 per cent. of the membership.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines : Visited this lodge on January 31st. There was no regular work that evening. They expected to have a passing but the candidate failed to present himself. The election of officers took place at this

meeting. I was much pleased with the perfect harmony that seems to exist among the brethren of Temple Lodge, and felt somewhat disappointed in not having the pleasure of seeing this lodge do some work, as they have the reputation of being one of the best worked lodges in the district. The average attendance during the year was 27 per cent. of the membership.

Copetstone Lodge, No. 373, Welland : Visited this lodge on February 1st. There was no regular work on the night of my visit, but the W. M. opened and closed in all of the three degrees, and exemplified part of the third degree in a very creditable manner indeed, as the night of my visit was only the second evening he had occupied the chair. This lodge has not been in a very prosperous condition for some years past, but I am of the opinion that it is likely to do better in the near future. It is at present well officered and the Secretary, W. Bro. Somerville, who is a most efficient and painstaking brother, is making an earnest effort to have the outstanding dues collected in which if he succeeds I see no reason why Copetstone Lodge should not prosper. The average attendance during the past year was 23 per cent. of the membership.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis : Visited this lodge on February 16th and was met by a large turnout of the brethren. The work of the evening was the initiation of a candidate which was well done, considering that it was the first regular work that the W. M. or in fact any of the officers had been called upon to do. This lodge has a steady growing membership, and is doubtless one of the best worked lodges in the district. The brethren have also just lately enlarged and refitted throughout their lodge room, having replaced the old carpet with a beautiful Masonic carpet, and have now one of the neatest and most convenient lodge rooms in the district. I have no doubt that the present officers will fully maintain the record that this lodge has had for a number of years. The average attendance during the past year was 42 per cent. of the membership.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines : Visited this lodge on March 29th, the work of the evening being the raising of a candidate, which was correctly and impressively done. The W. M. and all the officers are well up in the work, and manifest a desire to excel. This lodge in addition to being well worked is also one of the most progressive lodges in the district. On the night of my visit, five petitions for membership were read by the Secretary, whose books are correctly kept. The lodge is in every sense in a flourishing condition. The average attendance during the past year was 17 per cent. of the membership.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York : Visited this Lodge on April 16th. I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Hind, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, and W. Bros. Thompson and Old of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia. The work of the evening was a passing, which was only fairly well done. The brethren own the hall in which they meet, on which there is still a small debt. The dues are fairly well paid up. I think that with a little earnest work on the part of the officers this lodge might be very much improved, as they have among their members some true lovers of the art. The average attendance during the past year was 40 per cent. of the membership.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South : Visited this Lodge on April 17th, the work of the evening being the initiation of a candidate, which was very well done. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, with a large and steady growing membership. The dues are kept well paid up. They have a large and nicely furnished Lodge Room, which they keep well insured. On the night of my visit there were present, including visitors, 62 brethren.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville : Visited this Lodge on April 25th, and witnessed two passings. The work was correctly and impressively rendered by V. W. Bro. Congdon, P. M. There was a large attendance of the brethren. This Lodge has improved very much during the last three or four years, especially in its financial condition. They have a number of excellent workers here. They have also a neat and comfortable Lodge room and a steady growing membership.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby : Visited this Lodge on May 17th, I was met at the railway station by W. Bro. Sykes, P. M., and received a very hearty welcome from all the brethren. The night being very wet there was not as large an attendance as otherwise would have been, although over twenty of the brethren attended the meeting. There was no work other than the opening and closing in the three degrees which was very well done. The W. M. is also able to confer all of the three degrees. The brethren here have a small but very neat and comfortable room in which to meet. The books are well kept and the financing of the Lodge is closely looked after by R. W. Bro. Forbes, whose interest in the Craft is still as active as in his younger days.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville : Visited this Lodge on June 14th. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Duncan and Bros. Easton, Snyder and Thompson, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis. There being no regular work the W. M. opened and closed in all the degrees, which was very well done. This Lodge has made no additions to their membership during the

past year, but have some prospects of doing better during the coming fall and winter. They have a neat and well furnished Lodge room, and are in a fairly good financial condition. The average attendance during the past year was 43 per cent. of the membership.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued four dispensations to allow brethren clothed as Masons to attend divine service, viz. : St. John's Lodge, No. 35 Cayuga ; St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South ; Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 229 Jarvis.

The expenses of the D. D. G. M. have been promptly met by every Lodge in the District.

DEATHS.

The following deaths among the brethren have been reported to me during the year : Bros. Evan Mylchrist, P. M., Luther Bordnan, M. M., and W. A. Smith, M. M., Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland ; Richard Booth, M. M., Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson ; Harvey Neelon, M. M., Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie ; John W. Perine, M. M., Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland ; David J. Hunter, M. M., King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis ; J. W. Cameron, M. M., Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines.

I regret that my tabulated report will be found far from being complete, as a great many of the lodges have failed to respond to my urgent request to have them returned to me immediately after the 24th of June.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES NOBLE, D. D. G. M.,
Niagara District, No. 10.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the eleventh Masonic District.

The better to enable me to discharge the important duties of my office I appointed W. Bro. W. P. Gundy, of St. Andrews Lodge, No. 16, as District Secretary, and it is a simple act of justice to place on record my hearty acknowledgment of the prompt and thorough manner in which on every occasion he cheerfully rendered valuable assistance.

I also, according to usage, appointed W. Bro. Rev. E. H. Mussen, Aurora, District Chaplain. I had no opportunity of accepting the offer of service promptly tendered to me by the Rev. Brother when acknowledging his acceptance of the honorary appointment.

Before commencing my official visits I considered it desirable to issue a circular letter to the Lodges in the District. Among other matters that need not be recorded here, I made the following recommendations :

"I recommend that such portions of the Grand Master's address and of the report of the condition of Masonry, as may be desirable to emphasize, be read and enlarged upon in open Lodge when opportunity offers, that abuses may be checked and harmony of action on correct lines result."

"I press the necessity of a careful individual study of the 'Ancient Charges.' They form the ground-work on which our institution is founded : they are the frame work and constitute the landmarks for all Masonic organizations, and the book of constitution read in their light will lead to correct conclusions on many questions that are imperfectly understood."

"The W. M. must remember that conferring degrees is not necessarily his most important work ; his commission is to 'employ and instruct' his brethren "

I was led to make these recommendations the ground work of my remarks on many occasions when making official visits, because of a suspicion I have grounded on personal observation that there is a tendency on the part of many to regard

the Antient Charges and regulations in our Book of Constitution as obsolete and unsuited for this advanced and progressive age, and resort to methods and practices of other organizations, political or beneficial, forgetting that Masonry has a mission peculiarly its own and that its purity and stability as an organization rests on a strict and jealous adherence to its guiding principles as embodied in the Antient Charges and regulations of Grand Lodge. And so thoroughly is this principle recognized that these charges are ordered to be read once a year in open Lodge, and to a summary of which every Master-elect must subscribe and promise to support before he can be installed.

And it appears to me that this standing regulation of Grand Lodge should be considered as a duty to be conscientiously discharged not only in the Lodge Room, but pressed upon every member as a personal duty, which in these days when all may have a printed copy might be even more effectual than a reading in open Lodge, unless such reading were enlarged upon and illustrated by some well skilled member of the Lodge.

Such a course thoughtfully pursued might lead all who are desirous and willing to be guided by correct principle to frown down and render unprofitable plans and practices which lead to intrigue, soreness, faction and disorder, and are antagonistic to the spirit of harmony solemnly invoked at the opening of every Lodge.

I do not assert that members and officers of Lodges *now*, are less capable or are imbued with less of the true spirit of Masonry than they *were*.

I do not think the past can boast over the present. Yet the fact remains that there is (especially in numerically strong Lodges), a growing tendency to adopt modern methods and ignore strict Masonic principle in deciding many questions of great importance to the welfare of the Lodge.

The desire for rapid advancement to office, the caucus, the active canvass, the opposing forces and ill-concealed partizan strife, the eighty present on election night and only forty on installation night, the development of the purely ritualistic and ceremonial, and absence of all instruction in connection with it; the homage paid to merely methodical and memorized work,—all these minister to personal pride, the glory of office and a love of display often mistaken for Masonic progress, but the tendency of it all is towards the cultivation of a spirit that lends to a superficial and false view of Masonry by placing a higher value on methods, forms and ceremonies, than on the practical lessons they are meant to illustrate, to consider progress in Masonry to mean getting degrees, a knowledge of its

forms and holding office ; to reward those who demand rather than those who deserve, to force men to hustle and struggle for advancement, to proclaim the doctrine that to the "victors belong the spoils" as against the principle that in Masonic advancement office is but the seal of worth. Such I say is the tendency in some quarters, and while I know many Lodges that combine all of push and modern up-to-date effort necessary to a bright live Lodge, with strict Masonic principles and a due sense of the nature of its higher teachings and binding obligations ; yet we have evidence that there is room for warning and that the light of Masonic teaching should be let in on modern Masonic practice. I have therefore during my visits, while not overlooking the importance of correct ritual and accurate floor work as a necessary means to an end, I have also, when opportunity has offered, impressed the greater and higher duty of understanding the principles of Masonry and of putting into practice its teachings.

PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

My official engagement prevented me from attending more than one meeting of this association during the year. Its organization, mainly through the efforts of R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennet, about four years ago, was a step in the right direction. Many excellent papers bearing on important questions in relation to Masonry have been read and discussed at the meetings of the association. The present officers are exceedingly active. Considerable light is being shed on questions imperfectly understood at these gatherings, and I advise every Master and Past Master who can to become an active member.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Had my object been simply to secure a correct and uniform recital of the ritual throughout the Lodges in the Eleventh Masonic District, I would have been under no necessity to hold a Lodge of Instruction, as through the efforts of my predecessors and the provision made by Grand Lodge, a correct recital of the ritual is now the rule and not the exception. I found, however, that there was a lack of uniformity in floor work, arising from a certain amount of indefiniteness in the details of instruction regulating this class of ritual work. To remedy this, and, if possible, to establish a uniformity in floor work, I announced a Lodge of Instruction to be held under the auspices of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, at their regular meeting in April in the Lodge Room, Toronto street, Toronto.

The regular officers of the Lodge did the openings, closings and all the floor work of the first and third degrees, while W. Bros. W. P. Gundy and Thomas Bell gave the Master's

work in the initiation ceremony, the Master's work in the third degree being intrusted to W. Bro. A. R. Macdonald. W. Bros. J. Pearson, Gundy, Bell and Macdonald and all the officers of St. Andrew's Lodge took infinite pains to get every detail of the work up perfectly, and I am bound to admit that it was rendered perfectly in all its detail.

REMOVED BY DEATH.

According to the returns I have received from the thirty-eight Lodges comprising this District, thirty-two members have been removed by death. I regret that I am not able to record the names of all these departed brethren, but in the Lodges of which they were honored members, tributes to their worth have been placed on record, and in the homes of which they were the light, fond affection holds their memory bright. I am in a position to be able to record the following names of brethren who have passed away during my term of office: W. Bro. D. McMurchy, Richardson Lodge, Stouffville; Bro. E. Matthews, Acacia Lodge, East Toronto; Bro. F. R. Bailey, Zeta Lodge, Toronto; Bros. B. T. A. Ferguson and Thomas Adams, Alpha Lodge, Toronto; Bros. Jno. A. Mills and Wm. Haskins, St. George's Lodge, Toronto; Bros. I. McKenan and D. G. Meldrum, Orient Lodge, Toronto; W. Bro. James S. McDonald, Zetland Lodge, Toronto; Bro. C. A. Bradshaw, Ashler Lodge, Toronto; Bro. A. R. Harris, Wilson Lodge, Toronto; Bros. John Lhanett, John Penny and O. Stevenson, St. John's Lodge, Toronto; Bros. B. M. Crombie and T. H. Ferguson, Ionic Lodge, Toronto; Bros. Sam Phinx, H. A. Jackman, Thos. Clark and John McKee, King Solomon Lodge, Toronto; Bros. Dr. Crawford, and Dr. W. H. Aikins, W. Bros. Findlay Macdonald and W. H. Howland, St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto; Bro. J. W. Spence, Stevenson Lodge, Toronto.

I will not attempt to estimate the worth of so many brethren who, in their day, and to the best of their ability, discharged their duty and were faithful to their obligations. Still, I do not think it inappropriate to place on record that the late W. Bro. W. H. Howland, a Past Master of St. Andrews' Lodge, was pre-eminently distinguished for his unselfish and untiring efforts to help, comfort and encourage the needy, unfortunate and degraded of his native city, Toronto. To this work he gave his time, energy and means, and at his death thousands of all classes and creeds paid a genuine tribute of homage and affection to his memory as a public benefactor and genuine Christian philanthropist.

A VETERAN HONORED.

While it is proper and commendable that we should offer

tributes of respect to the memory of the honored dead, it is better and just as appropriate to honor those who are yet with us—the veterans who have done their share of work and have retired from the active duties of the Lodge with honors. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, at their regular meeting in June, showed a fine appreciation of what was due to an old and distinguished member by presenting R. W. Bro. Æmelius Irving, Q. C., with an illuminated address of congratulation on his attaining the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation into Masonry.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: It seemed fitting that my first official visit should be made to my Mother Lodge. I accordingly visited St. Andrew's Lodge at the regular meeting in September. There was a good attendance of members and a fairly large representative gathering from sister Lodges. The reception tendered me and the words of compliment spoken were very encouraging, and enabled me to proceed with my official work with more of confidence and satisfaction than I could otherwise have felt. I was fortunate in having made my visit on a night when the W. M., W. Bro. W. P. Gundy, had to initiate his own brother into the mysteries of Masonry. The initiation ceremony, as rendered by the W. M. and his officers, was accurate, complete and harmonious, and challenged adverse criticism. W. Bro. Gundy combines the rare qualities of a correct and impressive ritualist with that of first-class executive ability. All his officers were well up in their work. I was again present at the regular meeting in October. This was the seventy-first anniversary of the Lodge and the annual reunion of old members. A feature of the evening was the exemplification of the second degree by the Past Masters of the Lodge. They gave ample evidence that they are not yet "back numbers" by doing the work in such a manner as to call forth words of praise and commendation. The gathering was a most enjoyable one, and I mention it not to pass judgment on the work done, but to urge the necessity of this custom of devoting one meeting in the year to a reunion of old members and a mustering of the "old brigade" being more fully adopted. I was present at the election of officers in November, and the steady, one-step at-a-time promotion by almost unanimous votes clearly indicated the harmony that prevailed and the confidence which a faithful discharge of duty had created in the minds of the members towards those who had been entrusted with positions of honor. I paid another visit to this Lodge in February to see how the new officers were discharging their duty. There was a large attendance and W. Bro. J. Pearson, the new W. M., conferred the first degree exceedingly well. He was ably

assisted by his officers, who all know their work and do it as it ought to be done. My long connection with St. Andrew's Lodge and an intimate knowledge of its affairs would lead me to enlarge on many points that must be omitted from a report which, of necessity, can only be a brief summary of observations taken from the standpoint of a visitor attempting to inspect and report upon thirty-eight Lodges during twelve months' of time. I shall therefore summarize by saying that I found the officers of 1893 and 1894 thoroughly competent in every respect; the Secretary's books well and accurately kept; appeals for pecuniary assistance are dealt with in a liberal spirit; promotion goes by merit, and, to use the words of a distinguished member of the Craft, "the atmosphere of this Lodge is truly Masonic."

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: On Monday, December 18th, I visited this Lodge, accompanied by my District Secretary, W. Bro. Gundy. There was a good attendance of members and many visitors from Markham, Thornhill and Maple, indicating the goodfellowship which exists among these sister Lodges. The W. M., W. Bro. J. E. Clubine, had no regular work in hand, but gave us an evidence of how he and his officers could work by an exemplification of initiation and opening and closing work. I received ample evidence that, though candidates are few, yet officers meet and practice, that they may do justice to the work when opportunity offers. The Lodge appears to be in a prosperous condition and harmony prevails. My attention was drawn to the fact that, though an old Lodge, yet they had never received recognition from Grand Lodge in the distribution of honors. I pointed out the difficulties in the way of an impartial and fair distribution of such honors; nevertheless it would be well if some system could be adopted whereby modest worth would receive its reward unsought. At the close of the meeting we received the generous hospitality of the members of Richmond Lodge. I promised to attend a meeting of this Lodge to attend Divine service, the sermon to be preached by the Senior Warden of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. Percival. There was a good attendance, but business obligations prevented me being present.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: Ionic Lodge has for many years been noted for the ability of its officers, its cordial treatment of visitors and its generous hospitality, and it still maintains that reputation. There is perhaps no Lodge in the District with so many members fitted by training to hold positions of honor in private Lodge or Grand Lodge if their professional engagements would allow them to spare the necessary

time. I was not surprised on my visit to this Lodge in May, to find that all the work done was exceedingly well done. I had more than one opportunity of hearing the W. M., W. Bro. D. Armour give degree work, and it was always done in such a manner as to call forth words of praise. As a ruler in the chair, he was perfectly at home, and as a visitor to Sister Lodges he could not have been more faithful. It is only fair to say that the I. P. M. W. Bro. T. B. Lee, continued after leaving the chair to give the W. M. a faithful support, although business demands are very exacting. The officers of the Lodge are well up in their work and the Secretary's books are well kept. V. W. Bro. C. Postlethwaite is a model Treasurer and saves the Lodge considerable every year by the manner in which he manages to receive prompt payment of dues. A system of passing round the charity box among the members of the Lodge only at every regular meeting and donating the proceeds to the Sick Children's Hospital, I thought an act of practical Masonry that might be followed by others.

King Solomon Lodge, No 22, Toronto: I had the pleasure of visiting this good old Lodge on the 12th of October. The W. M. and officers of Zelland Lodge gave an added interest to the gathering by being present on a fraternal visit. The W. M., W. Bro. J. Hall, proved himself an able administrator, managing his Lodge with great judgment, commanding the respect and securing the confidence of his brethren, while he also gave proof of his ability to do justice to ritualistic work by the manner in which he initiated a candidate. In this W. Bro. Hall was ably supported by his officers, the Secretary, Bro. R. Walker, being very able and painstaking. On November 9th I attended a "Past Masters' Night," when W. Bros. T. Langton, N. T. Lyon, D. McDonald, and M. W. J. R. Robertson, who shared the Master's work in the ceremony of initiation, gave evidence to the large gathering of members and visitors that the "Old Guard" can still be called upon for good service in an emergency. I again visited this Lodge on the 10th of May to inspect the work of the new officers. There was a candidate for the second degree and the W. M., W. Bro. S. Hollingworth, and his officers did that work in a very satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Hollingworth is a worthy successor to W. Bro. Hall, and judging by what I know of the work and ability of the Senior Warden and Junior Warden, able men to fill the chair of King Solomon's is assured for some years to come. Zeal, energy and ability are characteristics of the present officers of this Lodge. I drew attention to certain by-laws of the Lodge not being quite in harmony with the present constitution. I found a willing

desire to have everything done in conformity with recognized authority. A few hints I gave the Secretary, Bro. T. D. D. Lloyd, were cheerfully received and duly noted with a view of correction. I found the Secretary's books well kept; he is active and painstaking. I contemplate continued prosperity for this Lodge.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple : I promised to attend the May meeting and deliver an address on the third degree. I was a little late in reaching the Lodge Room and found a large gathering awaiting my arrival. There were visitors from Richmondhill, Thornhill and Brougham Union. There was no work, but I examined the Secretary's books and found them well kept. I had seen the W. M. Bro. R. M. Hacedwen do degree work and can testify to his ability. In order to test the other officers I had some work done in opening and closing, and found the officers well up in their work. I then explained the meaning of the third degree and invited discussion, when many questions were put, resulting in what was considered a profitably spent evening, after which the brethren invited the visitors to partake of their hospitality. I should pronounce Vaughan Lodge to be in a prosperous condition, and though there are few candidates the members are zealous and harmonious.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto : My first visit to this Lodge was on "Past Masters' Night" and was unofficial. The veterans of the Lodge put on the harness of office and justly earned the applause of the brethren by the manner in which they did their work. The meeting was well attended and highly successful. I paid an official visit on February 2nd. W. Bro. F. Armstrong gave the first degree including the final charge accurately and impressively. I had another opportunity at the regular meeting in May of seeing the second degree given, and can say that the work of the Master and his officers is of a high order of excellence, the W. M. being a worthy successor of W. Bro. A. Dennis, who did excellent work. The Secretary's books are well kept and a model of neatness. Everything in connection with this Lodge indicates prosperity. It is numerically strong and well managed. It occurred to me, however, on looking at the scale of fees for life membership, that they are rather low to be safe, should a large number of the brethren avail themselves of the privilege offered. I may be wrong, but the matter is worth looking into.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto : I visited this Lodge in January when the W. M., Bro. Chas. Matthew gave the third degree. I paid a second visit at the regular meeting in May, when the first and third degrees were given. The W. M. is

an exceptionally good worker and was ably supported by his Wardens and Deacons : the degrees were exceedingly well done. The books of the Secretary, Bro. S. Love, are very well kept. The Treasurer, W. N. Eastwood, and W. M. have by their efforts reduced much of the outstanding dues, for which they are to be commended. There are several veteran P. M's. who are very faithful in their attendance at the Lodge. I observed, however, that there are many P. M's. of this Lodge who do not give the W. M. the support he deserves. Turning out to cast a vote on some special occasion and neglecting the other regular meetings is apt to cause unfavorable comments and is hardly just. I was present at the election of officers in June. Competition for office was keen and the votes very close. Still it was clear that the Lodge was striving to deal out equal justice and that amid the strife a spirit of fair play prevailed. It is only right that I should say that the W. M. ruled the Lodge with good judgment and his rulings were promptly accepted and respected. He also on retiring from the chair after two years service, installed the new officers in an admirable manner.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto : I had the honor, at the regular meeting of this Lodge held December 19th, of installing the officers. I was assisted by V. W. Bro. Oliver and W. Bro. Moir. As the W. M.-elect, Bro. T. Peardon, happened to be an experienced P. M., who had been again called upon to conduct the affairs of the Lodge and who is well known as a first-class worker, it was not necessary that I should witness his work in order to report upon it. I, however, paid a second visit to the Lodge in April, when the third degree was given. Bro. Peardon has few equals in this degree and his work was, of course, well done. The floor work was fair, but indicating and absence of united practice. The prospects of this Lodge are very promising. The officers are active and anxious to do their whole duty.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham : This Lodge that one time received such an unfavorable report, I found in a fairly healthy condition. I was at the regular meeting in December ; there was a third degree, and the W. M., W. Bro. G. M. Farewell, assisted by his officers, gave the degree throughout in a very creditable manner. The Deacons did their work well ; the J. W. and Secretary were away. I, however, found the books of the Secretary well kept. Great credit is due to the W. M. and the officers who assist him for their perseverance, under many discouragements, in getting up the work and in creating a greater interest in the meetings of the Lodge than has prevailed for years. I bear willing testimony

to the persevering zeal and honest work of W. Bro. Farewell. He has done his best for his Lodge, and I believe Markham Union Lodge, with all the drawbacks of members leaving the vicinity, will continue to prosper.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon : I visited this Lodge in November. I am indebted to my Newmarket brethren for driving me to the Lodge Room. There was a good attendance with many visitors from Tuscan Lodge. The W. M., Bro. W. B. Kitley, conferred the third degree ; the work was well done ; there was evidence that the W. M. and his officers had taken considerable pains to render the work properly. I suggested the necessity of keeping up regular practice when their chance of visiting other Lodges were not so great as in the large centres. The Secretary's books, Bro. Hill, were just fair. A successful meeting was closed by partaking of the hospitality of Sharon Lodge.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket : Nothing could exceed the kindness of the members of this Lodge to me. R. W. Bro. Brunton, R. W. Bro. James Wayling, and the officers of Tuscan Lodge took particular pains to make me feel at home and do me honor, and I take this opportunity of putting on record my appreciation of their kindness. My first visit was made to this Lodge on the 13th of September ; there was an initiation, and the W. M., W. D. Lawrie, and his officers did their work carefully, accurately and exceedingly well. I found the officers of the Lodge a unit in their loyalty to the W. M., and their devotion to the cause of Masonry they strive to excel, and devote considerable time and expense in paying fraternal visits to sister Lodges. I paid a second visit in April and was the guest of W. Bro. Rev. John Farncomb, who had succeeded W. Bro. Lawrie as Master of the Lodge. The Lodge Room had been removed since my last visit, and I now found the brethren in snug and neatly furnished quarters. I gave an address by request on "Hints on How to Conduct a Board of Trial." W. Bro. Farncomb is an excellent worker, and I trust the same zeal and energy that now prevails will long characterize Tuscan Lodge. The Lodge is prosperous. Bro. D. Roche, the Secretary, keeps his books in good shape.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg : This Lodge is 14 miles from a railway station and it takes a day and a half to visit it, but it is a very nice place when you get there, and the brethren know how to treat a visitor. I was the guest of the W. M., W. Bro. J. Wilkinson. I found a nicely furnished Lodge Room, the books of the Lodge well kept and the financial standing of the Lodge all right, but it is difficult to get a

quorum, as only about five members who can be relied upon live close to the Lodge room. If this Lodge could transact business with a quorum of five then meetings could be held more regularly. As it is, they meet for instruction, but do not always keep a record, as many of the meetings are only informal, except when seven or more happen to present. I found those who met me at the Lodge meeting fairly well posted and the samples of work given were well done. The isolated situation and the lack of new material, throws the future of the Lodge on the few resident members whose love for Masonry has so far prompted them to keep the Lodge up. I gave a short address to the members on the Symbolism of Masonry, which seemed to be appreciated.

The Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: I visited this Lodge October 6th. There was a good attendance and many visitors from Tuscan Lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. James Tinline, lacked the executive ability and energy which characterized his immediate P. M., W. Bro. H. J. Charles. I found that the W. M. could not do the third degree, therefore the work had to be handed over to the immediate P. M. The officers were slow in opening and closing work, but did very well in degree work. The J. W. and I. G. were very good. Bro. Taylor, the Secretary, kept his books fairly well; I found a few evidences of lack of attention to detail. W. Bro. H. J. Charles was presented with a P. M.'s Jewel, which he well deserved.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: On August 25th I paid an official visit to this Lodge and assisted R. W. Bro. H. Collins to install the officers. There was a large turnout of visitors from Zeredatha Lodge. The financial statement showed the Lodge to be in a prosperous condition and out of debt. For the admirable manner in which V. W. Bro. E. Gardiner had discharged his duty as W. M., he was presented with a P. M.'s Jewel. I paid a second visit on May 16th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Collins and my District Secretary, W. Bro. Gundy. The W. M., Bro. I. McGillivray, occupied the Master's chair. There were evidences of prosperity in the newly decorated and neatly furnished Lodge Room, and hopes for the future of the Lodge in the number of young brethren who had been initiated since my first visit. The work done was well done; but the third degree, to have been given by the W. M., could not be given because of the candidate failing to appear. At this meeting a P. M.'s Jewel was presented to W. Bro. Todd because of his faithfulness to the Lodge in its days of adversity. It is fair to place on record that the Tyler of Richardson Lodge, Bro. Hood, has held the office

thirty-five years. The Lodge was called upon to mourn the death of their faithful Secretary, Bro. D. McMurphy

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglington : I had an opportunity of witnessing the work of W. Bro. G. M. Brown at the regular meeting in October, and the work was well done, but as my predecessor reported on the officers of 1893. I need not do so. I paid a second visit in May, when W. Bro. Wm. Duncan, the genial W. M., gave the second degree. The work of Master and officers was very satisfactory. The Secretary, Bro. G. H. C. Brooke, keeps his books well, but I thought the minute book was a little crowded. If one were to judge by the well furnished and tastefully decorated Lodge room, the convenient ante rooms, the reception given to visitors, the large attendance of members and the able manner with which the affairs of the Lodge are conducted, there would be ample evidence of the prosperity of York Lodge.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto : At the regular meeting, December 11th, I had the honor of installing the officers. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16 ; W. Bro. McCarthy, Doric Lodge, No. 316, and W. Bros. Baird, Nickleson and Horswell, of Stevenson Lodge. At the close of the ceremony a P. M.'s Jewel and a handsome mantle clock were presented to W. Bro. C. H. Corton as a recognition of faithful two years' service in the Master's chair. My second visit was in February, when the W. M., W. Bro. E. J. Walsh, assisted by his officers, gave the second degree. The work was very well done. I drew attention at this meeting to certain entries in the Secretary's books which were not as close to the forms laid down in the regulations of Grand Lodge as I would desire. I also drew attention to certain irregular practices in dealing with petitions of candidates for membership. I made a third visit to this Lodge in June. The members had been called to mourn the loss by death of the Secretary, Bro. J. W. Spence. At this meeting there was some irritation because the W. M. had ignored a by-law which was not in harmony with the constitution, and had followed the constitutional course. The conduct of W. Bros. Corton and Horswell on this occasion in helping to remove certain prejudices in favor of an old though not strictly correct practice, and thus restoring harmony, was praiseworthy. Stevenson Lodge is a strong and prosperous Lodge, but it requires skillful and able management.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge : At the regular meeting in October I visited this Lodge, I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. Collins, R. W. Bro. B. Houton, W. Bro. Lawrie and W. Bro. J. McGillivray. There was a large turn out of members

I found the Lodge Room to be very neat and suitable for Lodge work, and there was every evidence that the brethren of Zeredatha take a pride in the work and are anxious to excell. The W. M., W. Bro. Thompson, gave a very impressive rendering of the first degree. His officers were all well up in their work. The Secretary, Bro. J. G. Vickers, is a first-class officer. I was asked several questions, showing that an intelligent and keen interest is taken in every detail of Masonic work. A banquet in the evening was the best evidence that could be offered of a desire to do full justice to visitors.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton : Because of the absence of the W. M., whose business engagements did not permit him to complete his term of office, my visit to this Lodge was not as satisfactory as I would have wished. There was a candidate for the second degree ; the work was well done. There is a staff of well skilled Past Masters in this Lodge and I found the regular officers well up in their work. The work of the Senior Warden, now the W. M. Bro. W. H. McFadden, was such as to warrant the expectation that his work as W. M. would be first-class. V. W. Bro. H. Morton, a veteran P. M. keeps the books and records of the Lodge in good shape.

Ashlar Lodge No. 247, Toronto : Ashlar Lodge is undoubtedly a model Lodge. The business is well arranged and conducted ; care is taken that its affairs are entrusted to able hands. The Past Masters are a unit in working in the best interests of the Lodge. All are good workers and keep close to constitutional methods. Care is exercised in selecting committees and they do their work thoroughly. Their private benevolent fund is a good one and is systematically and carefully looked after as a separate fund from which deserving members are quietly helped when necessary. Zeal, industry and good judgment rule. I was present at the regular meeting in November. It is needless to say that the work was well done by all officers. I have had several opportunities of witnessing work done by W. Bro. W. S. Percy, the present W. M. and the now I. P. M., W. Bro. W. J. Allen, and they both did good work, but Ashlar Lodge does not depend on any one man for success. It is the united energy of its zealous Past Masters and officers that secures for it a first place among the Lodges of the District. Bro. N. R. Miller, the Secretary, keeps the books in excellent form ; everything is in good shape.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill : I paid a visit to this Lodge on the 26th of February. The difficulty of securing candidates and the limited territory renders it difficult for this Lodge to make much headway. The present W. M., Rev.

Bro. W. Bates, has made every effort to work the lodge up to a state of activity. There was a fairly good turn out when I visited the Lodge. The W. M. gave the third degree impressively and well, and was well supported by his officers. I again visited the Lodge on the 23rd June to install the officers. On account of political excitement, in view of impending elections, the attendance was very small, still I believe that the newly installed Master, W. Bro. Langstaff, will be able to secure the co-operation of sufficient members to make his term of office a successful one.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 267, Brougham : I installed the officers of this Lodge on the 27th December and had the pleasure of witnessing the third degree conferred by the retiring W. M., Bro. H. Westgate. He does the work exceedingly well and was well supported by his officers. There was a large attendance and I had ample evidence that care had been taken to do justice to the work. There was a number of visitors from Pickering and Markham Union, who were hospitably entertained by the members of Brougham Union. I am indebted to Bro. Gordon, of the Gordon House, Pickering, for driving me to and from the Lodge. Bro. Lynde the present W. M., I believe works well, but when I went in June to see his work by some oversight no provision had been made to drive me out from Pickering, and I had to return to Toronto without visiting the Lodge a second time.

Robertson Lodge, 292, Nobleton : I attended this Lodge at the regular meeting in January. I was met at the station by the W. M., W. Bro. W. B. Robinson, who drove me to and from the lodge and made me a guest at his home. This Lodge holds an unique position in the District. They have a Lodge room of their own in which no other society meets. I found the books fairly well kept, and although it is difficult to get a quorum and meetings are not regularly held, yet W. Bro. Robinson is a good energetic worker, and has held up the lodge for years. I installed a new set of officers at this meeting, and while the Master elect did not give much evidence of proficiency yet he is a man of ability and is conscientious. I expect him to do his whole duty.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston : I paid an official visit to this Lodge October 25th ; there was candidate for initiation. W. Bro. Simpson, W. M., who is of a nervous disposition, did not do himself justice in the work ; the J. W. did his work well ; the other officers were fair. I was to have installed the officers in Dec , but had to get W. Bro. Peardon, of Wilson Lodge, to take my place. My second visit was to the February meeting. I observed a marked improvement in the work. The W. M , Bro.

Forsyth, is a good worker, and he has a staff of young and capable officers who will do good service. The Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. I. Barker, I found to be painstaking and correct in substance. I drew his attention to the necessity of following closely the forms laid down in the regulations of Grand Lodge, and to avoid introducing personal comments into the minutes. This Lodge has a good past record and a staff of faithful Past Masters. With the recent additions of young members I expect this Lodge to more than hold its own.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: For the past three years this Lodge has been under the management of W. Bro. Robt. Cowling, who is a first-class worker. I had no opportunity of seeing the present W. M., W. Bro. Maynard, do any degree work, but I hear good reports of him. When I visited the Lodge in November it happened to be election night and there was no work. Much of the future of this Lodge depends upon the condition of business in the village. There is always the possibility of some desirable members of the Lodge having to remove to some large busy centre. The record of the lodge so far is a good one and the members hope for the best. In W. Bro. Agar they a competent and unique Secretary.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: My first official visit was in December. The business was election of officers. The usual interest was taken in the result, and from what I could learn, a wise choice was made in every case. My second visit was in February. There was a very large gathering to do honor to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. H. Collins, who was presented with a G. L. Regalia and a photo group of Masters of Lodges during his term of office. The occasion was a particularly happy one, as the R. W. Bro. is exceedingly popular. I was again presented at the meeting in April, when W. Bro. Qua and his officers conferred the first degree; the work was well done. Doric Lodge is in good hands, the W. M. has good executive ability.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: I will not attempt to introduce in this report all I would like to notice in connection with this Lodge. Their motto seems to be "There is no such word as fail." I was present at the banquet given by this lodge to the visitors from Detroit, London and Ottawa. It was a royal reception. Nothing was left undone to make it a success. Forethought, energy and liberality characterized all the proceeding, from first to last. I received a report of the C. of G. P. of this Lodge for the year 1893. It is a model report in its completeness and comprehensiveness. I was present at the regular meeting in April, when the W. M. W.

Bro. G. Kappele and his officers conferred the first degree on a candidate. The work was in every respect well done ; every officer knew his work and took a pride in doing it to the best of his ability. A feature in the degree work that adds to its beauty and sublimity is the music of a well-trained choir, and the Lodge is under special obligations to the members of the choir and its energetic leader, Bro. M. T. Tester, for introducing and maintaining this beautiful and inspiring feature into the ritual work of their Lodge. I was again present at the regular meeting in June when the W. M. had thoughtfully secured a drawing attraction to bring in his members during the hot season. M. W. Bro. J. R. Robertson gave his valuable lecture on "The Origin of the Masonic degrees." There was a large attendance, considering the oppressive heat, and those who attended were amply rewarded in receiving much valuable instruction and information presented in an attractive form. I can only sum up my report on this Lodge by saying that its rulers work with an energy, ability and forethought that commends success, and that while they are proud of their glorious past they are prouder of their glorious present.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto : I had several opportunities of witnessing the work of this Lodge under its past as well as its present officers, and in both cases the work was in every respect well done. I was present at the June meeting when the W. M., Bro. McFarlane, and his officers, gave the first degree in all its detail, every officer did his work well. The Lodge Room is spacious and well furnished, the meetings are well attended, the utmost harmony prevails, and the Secretary, Bro. H. Tolhurst, who has held the position for the past five years, keeps a model set of books. The brethren attend well, are proud of their Lodge, and have a reason to be so. Orient holds first rank among Lodges in the District.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Sutton : I hardly know how to report this Lodge. A few brethren resident in Sutton are doing their best to keep the Lodge up. I attended a meeting of this Lodge on the 31st of May ; I found that the books were neatly kept, but that for want of a quorum few meetings had been held during the year. There has been no election of officers for the past eighteen months, and I have no reason to suppose that an election will take place for some time to come. The necessary quorum of seven seems to be the main difficulty. The present W. M., W. Bro. T. A. Wilson, is now a resident of Toronto. He attends the meetings when he thinks a meeting can be held. Samples of degree and floor work were given by the W. M. and his officers during my visit and was fairly well done. There are a few desirable members of this Lodge who

refuse to attend and who have never taken more than the first degree. I interviewed one of them, a well-to-do farmer, whom I met on the train. He had no prejudice against Masonry as a society, in fact he thought he like would to attend the meetings, but after going to his Lodge at Sutton for a few months and finding that 9 o'clock p. m. was considered 'quite early enough to open the Lodge, he considered his time too valuable to waste in that way. The prospects of this Lodge are not encouraging.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto : I have had many opportunities of witnessing the way in which this Lodge is conducted, and can give it first rank among the Lodges in the District. I had the honor of installing the officers at the meeting in December. I was ably assisted by W. Bro. Charlton, W. Bro. Williams, W. Bro. J. Hall and W. Bro. P. Hill. W. Bro. Donovan, the present W. M., is an excellent ritualist, and gives a degree in good style. The floor work on my visit in April was slightly faultly as to correct form. The books are well and accurately kept, and W. Bro. Dunn is a model Treasurer. The attendance is always large, and perfect harmony prevails.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington : I visited this Lodge in September; the W. M. Bro I. Twohey conducted the affairs of the Lodge very well and I witnessed his first degree work, but he was not prepared to give the third degree when I was there. I again visited this Lodge in June and installed the officers. The first degree was given at this meeting by W. Bro. Twohey and the retiring Master, W. Bro. M. L. Nutting. The work was very nicely done. I believe this to be a prosperous Lodge ; the brethren are exceedingly attentive to visitors and are anxious to do their whole duty. I found the books of the Lodge very well and correctly kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. J. Sharp. who is also a veteran Past Master. I was impressed with the genuine good fellowship that prevails in this Lodge, it is a pleasure to visit it.

River Park, No. 356, Streetsville : I promised to install the officers of this Lodge, but press of business prevented me, and V. W. Bro. E. Voss kindly took my place. I attended the regular meeting in June accompanied by V. W. Bro. E. Voss. I found the affairs of the Lodge in the hands of young and zealous members who were anxious to know their whole duty, and to do it to the best of their ability. There was no regular work, but the W. M., W. Bro. R. H. McClung, gave samples of work and gave evidence that he and his officers were diligent and capable. I found everything in good shape and gave the members a few words of advice in regard to work and lodge

management, which was well received. Everything in connection with this Lodge looks encouraging, though candidates are not numerous. We were well entertained by the members of River Park Lodge.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: At the regular meeting in December I installed the officers of this Lodge. I was assisted by W. Bro. R. Riddle, W. Bro. M. Volkes, V. W. Bro. Harwood and V. W. Bro. E. Voss. The W. Master, Bro. Howse, and his officers are all competent workers, but for some unexplained reason there have been no candidates accepted during the year so far, and yet there does not appear to be any lack of harmony. The Secretary, Bro. J. T. Thompson, has his books in good shape. The Lodge is a good one, and is well officered, and it is difficult to account for any undecurrent of opposition, if such really exists.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: I made an official visit to this Lodge in September; two candidates were up for initiation; the W. M., Bro. Sabiston, did his work exceedingly well; the Junior Deacon's work was very poor; the other officers were good. I found the Lodge in a prosperous condition and the books of the Secretary, Bro. Jas. Linton, in first-class order. I intended to visit this Lodge again to inspect the work of the W. Bro. Dr. Gilmour, but his parliamentary duties and my absence in Ottawa prevented our arranging a night to suit either party. I am told, however, that he managed the Lodge with marked ability.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: I am in a position, because of my connection with this Lodge to report with a full knowledge of how it is managed. The Lodge is strong in numbers, sound financially and harmonious in action. The officers are competent and strive to do their work as it ought to be done. The Secretary, Bro. A. Middleton, is exceedingly painstaking and correct and keeps his books in very fine order. The present W. M., W. Bro. S. Hall, works with great earnestness and considerable elocutionary power. No deserving case for Masonic charity goes unheeded. The standing of this Lodge is first-class.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: I had the pleasure of installing the officers at the regular meeting, December 28th, and at the April meeting had an opportunity of witnessing the work. The W. M., W. Bro. J. S. Hart is painstaking, and did the work of the first degree in a careful manner; the floor work was fair. The books as kept by the Secretary, Bro. Symons, are in neatness and accuracy a perfect model. A visitor to this Lodge cannot but be impressed with the evidences of neatness, comfort and good taste displayed in the Lodge

Room and ante rooms. There is a small library of Masonic authorities and books of reference for the use of the members, and if the evidences of harmony outwardly visible are symbols of a united membership, then Zeta should be a model Lodge.

Doric Lodge, 424, Pickering: On the 19th of October I visited this Lodge; the reception given me was exceedingly cordial. I soon found that I was among zealous Masons who were anxious to do their whole duty. I found the Lodge Room to be suitable and convenient, and there were many indications that the Lodge is in a prosperous condition. There was no regular degree work on the night of my visit, but the W. M., W. Bro. J. Gormley, and his officers gave a perfectly satisfactory exemplification of degree and floor work. The Secretary, Bro. R. A. Bunting, keeps his books in good shape, and is a prompt correspondent. There was a large gathering of members, and many visitors, mostly from Whitby. I addressed the brethren on the "Symbolism of the Second Degree." I am satisfied that the members of this Lodge take an interest in its success, and have used good judgment in selecting to conduct its affairs capable and zealous officers.

Stanley, No. 426, Toronto Junction: My first visit was on the 7th of November. W. Bro. Clendenning and his officers did the work of initiation and it was very well done. The books of the Secretary, Bro. T. E. Frankish, were somewhat irregular as to form. I had the honor of installing the officers at the regular meeting in January, and again visited the Lodge at the meeting in July, when I had an opportunity of witnessing the work of the third degree given by W. Bro. H. C. Fowler and his officers. The work was beautifully done; the different officers being nearly perfect in their respective parts. The Secretary, Bro. J. W. Roswell, has his books in very good shape. The Lodge Room is very suitable and is well furnished. The brethren take an interest in the meetings of the Lodge, and the officers strive to excel as workers. I was much pleased with the good fellowship which prevails. Stanley Lodge is bound to prosper.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto: I regret that I was forced to break two engagements made with the members of this Lodge, yet I was able to make two visits during my term of office, the first in August, when the W. M., W. Bro. M. P. McMaster, gave the first degree, and again in September, when the W. M. gave the second degree, and on several occasions last year, as a visitor to Acacia Lodge, saw the present officers at work in all the degrees. I am therefore in a position to say that though we facetiously style "Acacia" the baby of the District, yet it is an exceedingly precocious baby,

of which we are very proud. The work done is of a high order of merit, the Worshipful Master is a powerful and effective worker, and is ably assisted by his officers. The Secretary, H. A. Giles, keeps his books in excellent shape, in fact it is rarely you can find better kept books. The brethren are enterprising and ambitious, and are exercising an influence for good in East Toronto. The Lodge Room is suitable, convenient and well furnished.

EXPENSES OF D. D. G. M.

During my visits, I left the question of Lodges paying my expenses, as suggested in the constitution, in their own hands. The following Lodges voluntarily and willingly, without suggestion, paid expense as follows :

Richmond Lodge, No. 23 \$1.00 (hotel paid); Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, \$3.00; Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, \$1.00 (hotel paid); Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, \$3.00; Richardson Lodge, No. 136, \$5.50 (more than one visit); Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, \$3.00; Broughan Union Lodge, No. 269, \$5.00; Brock Lodge, No. 354, 2 visits, \$8.00; River Park Lodge, No. 356, \$2.00; Doric Lodge, No. 424, \$3.00. Total, \$34 50.

I visited every Lodge in the District, of which there are 38, once, and many more than once; my total number of visits being 68. I make no comments on the question of who should pay the expenses of the D. D. G. M. Many think that Grand Lodge should devise some satisfactory and equitable arrangement.

BENEVOLENCE.

Judging from discussions I have heard in Lodges when the question of voting money out of the funds of the Lodge for some charitable object was under consideration, I am satisfied that there is not as clear an understanding of how questions of this nature should be decided as there ought to be. There is a vast difference between the personal acts of charity and voting money from the funds of private Lodges or Grand Lodge for charitable purposes. In the one case the individual may choose out of the goodness of his heart to allow sympathy to rule his judgment, it is a personal matter, but in the other case sympathy must be subordinate to justice, for it is not really an exercise of charity on the part of those who vote the money, they for the time being are more in the position of trustees, and as such should use the same care and judgment as would be exercised by a faithful trustee, who is not giving that which is his own. I think in dealing with all questions of this nature the Lodge should be in possession of as full a knowledge of the facts as possible that justice may be done, the

Lodge not imposed upon and members decide the question on its merits.

DISPENSATIONS.

All dispensations applied for I have promptly handed over to the Grand Secretary, thus avoiding any question of divided authority, and preventing confusion.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot retire from the honorable position which, through the favor of the representatives of the Lodges in this important District, I have been privileged to hold, without expressing hearty thanks for the kind encouragement I have received from representative members of the Craft, and for the hearty and cordial reception tendered me in every Lodge in the District.

I have also to acknowledge the obligations I am under to W. Bro. W. P. Gundy for his invaluable services as District Secretary.

I have endeavored to discharge my duty faithfully and to the best of my ability, and which would be no easy task when we consider the time and attention required to a proper discharge of the duties involved, has through the loyalty and good fellowship and hearty co-operation of all with whom I have been brought in contact, been transformed into an exceedingly pleasant duty.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. TAIT, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto District, No. 111.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'r'd			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased	Meet- ings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.					M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.										Total.
16	St. Andr'w's	Toronto.....	196	5	5	3	1	3	1	1	4	10	13	4	36	218 32	58	\$ 391 60	Dec. 27, '93.	AI Fair.	1st Class, Good.	Yes	HT Trust
22	K. Sol'm'n's	Toronto.....	172	13	7	9	10	7	4	1	13	215	2	3	44	100 00	13	98 20	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	Yes
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill.....	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7 60	11	51 43	June 24, '93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	#1000 00
25	Ionic	Toronto.....	201	18	8	14	16	15	3	1	2	10	7	17	26	137 92	3	18 00	Dec. 27, '93.	1st Class, Good.	Excellent	Yes	HT Trust
54	Vaughan	Maple.....	204	1	3	14	22	5	8	4	13	12	13	13	55	63 00	7	16 75	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1800 00
65	Rehoboth	Toronto.....	174	11	8	7	7	7	5	6	2	10	2	12	44	185 63	21	209 45	Dec., '93...	\$3600 00 Good.	Excellent	Yes	Fully cov
75	St. John's	Toronto.....	137	4	7	4	4	2	5	1	3	10	10	40	60 00	41	432 10	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Good.	Yes	HT Trust
86	Wilson	Toronto.....	51	2	2	3	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	25	35 00	25	290 00	.....	240 00	Good.	Yes	.....
87	Mark'm O.	Markham.....	49	9	1	6	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	20	10 00	12	131 30	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	Yes
97	Tuseon	Newmarket.....	23	5	1	6	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	20	9 00	8	36 00	June 24, '93	Clear.	Medium.	Yes	300 00
118	Union	Schomberg.....	66	7	5	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	20	25 00	5	27 50	June, '93.	Fair.	Good.	Yes	2500 00
126	Rising Sun	Aurora.....	92	7	5	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	20	10 00	11	79 1	June 24, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville.....	100	8	9	8	5	4	1	3	6	10	4	14	23	124 00	11	323 25	April, '94.	Good.	Good.	Yes	Yes
156	York	North Toronto.....	181	4	12	6	4	7	1	2	3	13	13	21	70	2 00	1	3 95	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	AI	Yes	HT Trust
218	Stevenson	Toronto.....	64	5	3	5	5	5	2	2	2	1	1	1	25	00	5	47 32	Jan., '94	Not good	Fair.	Yes	500 00
223	Zeredatha	Uxbridge.....	63	5	4	4	4	5	1	2	2	1	1	1	25	00	11	247 00	Dec. 30, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
229	Lonic	Brantford.....	150	1	10	10	11	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	33	25 00	1	247 00	Dec. 30, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	750 00
247	Ashlar	Toronto.....																					

255	Patterson.....	Thornhill	39	1	7	1	1	2	4	1	10	10	13	\$50 00	3	\$40 00	Dec. 24, '93.	Medium	Hopeful.	\$ 300 00
263	Broug'm U.	Brougham	40	3	.....	5	7	5	.....	.....	.....	1	11	.....	11	12	50 00	20	15 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
272	Robertson.	Nobleton	26	1	2	2	1	4	1	5	7	20	118 37	June 19, '94	\$400 00	Fair.	Yes	800 00	
305	Humber.....	Weston	46	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	1	13	11	15 00	2	8 00	June 13, '94	Good.	Fair.	Yes	250 00
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge ..	39	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	13	2	15	14	None	7	41 29	Dec., '93.	Good.	Good.	No.	F'h val.
316	Doric	Toronto	146	12	10	6	5	2	.....	.....	.....	4	4	.....	10	2	35	27	213 05	July 19, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	F'h Trust
326	Zetland	Toronto	226	44	1 32	23	20	17	2	11	6	16	61	25	not giv	25	170 00	Jan. 1, '94.	Good.	AI	Yes	F'h Trust	
339	Orient	Toronto	160	14	23	12	9	2	.....	.....	.....	9	11	.....	14	50	20 00	22	300 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	F'h Trust
343	Georgina ..	Sutton	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	1	.....	6	1	7	8	.....	7	27 00	.....	2434 30	Fair.	Yes	1000 00
346	Occident ..	Toronto	156	11	18	8	10	8	2	1	5	9	.....	4	13	3	16	40	230 (0	June 24, '93	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	150 00	
354	Brock	Camington...	46	4	.....	4	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	12	16	16	not giv	13	53 50	Dec., '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
356	River Park.	Streetsville ..	32	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	13	2	15	12	15	82 17	Jan., '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
367	St. George's	Toronto	124	12	1	5	8	3	11	4	1	12	2	14	41	125 00	20	237 80	June 24, '93	87 73	Good.	Yes	Not giv	
369	Minico	Lambton Mills	61	3	.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	13	13	19	.....	18	160 35	.....	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	.....	
384	Alpha	Toronto	149	2	6	8	6	3	8	7	3	3	13	3	16	32	81 75	58	636 49	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	
410	Zeta	Toronto	60	3	6	3	2	.....	5	4	.....	5	6	11	17	24	.....	mil	.....	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Not giv	.....	
424	Dor.c	Pickering	32	1	.....	1	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	1	13	17	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 24, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	2000 00
426	Stanley	Toronto Junc..	76	16	8	13	13	14	3	.....	6	2	.....	3	15	25	.....	1	125 00	June, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	150 00
430	Acacia	East Toronto..	61	18	.....	13	10	6	5	.....	.....	.....	12	3	15	32	.....	.....	.....	June 24, '93	574 00	Very G'd	Yes	700 00

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It gives me great pleasure to have the honor of presenting to you the following report of the condition of the Craft in Ontario District, No. 12.

It was with no little surprise that I found myself placed in this honorable position by my brethren at last regular communication of Grand Lodge: the more so as the thought of aspiring thereto had not previously occurred to me. I wish none the less sincerely, however, to express to my brethren my thanks for and appreciation of the honor they have done me. To the officers and members of the various lodges throughout the District, also, I am laid under a deep debt of gratitude for the kindness and courtesy which they have extended to me during my official visits. In looking back over the year's work now drawing to a close, I find but one cause for regret, and that is, that time and circumstances with me have not been such as to admit of my devoting that attention to the duties of the office which its importance deserves.

GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE WORK.

During the year, I have visited each lodge in the District, and taking it as a whole I must say that the prospects are most encouraging. Although in a very few instances there seems to be a feeling of lethargy, yet in the greater number of cases many of the brethren are fully alive to the interests of their order, and evince a ready willingness to do all in their power for the promotion of the same. I believe on the whole, the work which I have seen done is quite up to, if not above, a good average. While giving attention to the character of the work within the lodges as to conferring degrees and general routine business, I have ventured to call the attention of the brethren more particularly to the character of the material which should constitute an ideal Lodge of Free Masons, and it is sincerely hoped that in the future as in the past the strict moral standard for the admission of members will suffer no relaxation. To this end I have taken the liberty of urging

upon the brethren the duties which we each and all owe to the Craft in general.

HARMONY.

It is gratifying to be able to report that there has been perfect harmony amongst the different Lodges, as such, throughout the District. And within each Lodge there seems to be perfect accord amongst the brethren, anything like personal pique or bickering being almost unknown.

DISPENSATIONS.

In accordance with the request of the brethren concerned, I have granted the following dispensations during the current year :

Lorn Lodge, No. 375, Omemee, to attend divine service on 31st December, 1893.

Corinthian Lodge, No 101, to hold their annual "At Home" on 6th February, 1894.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield, to attend divine service on the 24th June, 1894.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, to attend divine service on 24th June, 1894.

COLLECTION OF ANNUAL DUES.

Several instances of what might be termed laxity in this direction have come under my notice. In most instances it is not brethren who are in straitened circumstances who allow themselves to fall behind, but those who are well able to pay if they would. In the case of the former, I have advised that considerable indulgence should be allowed, but for the latter there is no shadow of excuse, and I have urged that the W. M's. and their officers should hew to the line. It has also been pointed out that such neglect is unfair to the brethren who pay regularly in order to carry on the business of the Order. I have also endeavored to show that it is a proper subject to be considered by committees on applications and by the brethren when they come to cast their ballots. I noticed one instance in which a member was in arrears for over six years, during which his Lodge had paid to Grand Lodge on his behalf \$3.00 besides his share of the cost of postage, stationery, printing, etc. Happily such instances are rare, and those who are not really able to contribute their share are equally rare.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

While it may be said that the record is not a heavy one, yet evidences of the grim reaper's hand are visible in more than one Lodge Room. In this respect youth and vigor have been laid low as well as those of riper years.

The first reported to me was the death by drowning in British Columbia, of Albert Morrison, a member of Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay, a young brother cut off suddenly in the midst of bright hopes of a prosperous future.

Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, has suffered by the death of one of its most esteemed members, the late Bro. W. R. Climie, editor of the Bowmanville *Sun*.

Orono Lodge, Orona, laments the death of Bro. Alfred J. Griffin, an active and useful member of ten years' standing.

I have no certain knowledge of any others as none have been reported to me. This is perhaps a point for the consideration of the Secretaries, as there does not seem to be a good understanding as to what they should do in this matter.

SECRETARIES.

It is due to the Secretaries of the entire District to state, that they are as obliging and painstaking a body of men as could be desired. And it is with great pleasure that I embrace this opportunity of extending to them, one and all, my cordial thanks for their promptitude in correspondence, and courtesy to me whenever I have had occasion to communicate with them.

With regard to their books, I notice that the minute books are as a rule kept with scrupulous care and neatness. The cash-books, ledgers, and registers of membership, however, in some cases, might be improved as to methods, and any suggestions from me on the subject have been very well received.

GENERAL.

By way of general remarks I may be permitted to offer a few parting suggestions to the W. M.'s of the District: Be punctual to the time of opening; do not delay opening your Lodge for a fuller attendance to begin. Use despatch in routine business and work; discourage protracted discussions; keep in close communication with your Secretary, the officer next in importance to yourself. Keep your P. M.'s. employed as much as possible in the work. Employ your subordinate officers frequently in the work which will give them a keen interest. When talent is available induce the brethren to volunteer suitable music, and also readings, recitations and essays on appropriate subjects. These suggestions are quite within the bounds of possibility, and in many cases have been tried with gratifying success.

Perhaps there is no more reliable measure of the general interest taken in Masonry by the brethren than the manner of their attendance.

It is to be regretted that results in this respect are far below

what might be reasonably expected. By referring to the accompanying tabulated statement, it will be seen that the average attendance of the District is but $31\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the total.

Some members are to be found who attend but two or three times in a year, while there are others for whom some of the officers even dare not vouch when they do chance once in a long time to grace the Lodge Room with their presence. This is not as it should be. Such brethren, of course, are financially a source of benefit to the Order, but the benefit the society draws from them in a social or moral sense is nil. But perhaps as hinted above, these brethren are not altogether to blame if they find the proceedings sometimes dry and uninteresting.

EXPENSES.

It would be unpardonable in me, as lacking not only in gratitude but also in common courtesy, if I did not state here that in the matter of expenses, as in all others, the brethren have evinced an anxious solicitude that the representative of Grand Lodge should not only be duly honored in his reception and entertainment, but also that he should be recouped for his outlay in making his visits to them, and if this fact may be taken as a criterion of the loyalty of the brethren of this District, then there is no more loyal District within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

As a matter of convenience in more ways than one, it is desirable either that all the Lodges should hold their elections in June or that Grand Lodge should change the time of its annual communication from July to January.

The fact of the D. D. G. M. coming into office in the middle of the official year of most of the private Lodges compels him to visit all such lodges during the latter half of the year, if he is to witness the work of and report on the officers elected during his term. In my case it was found impossible to do this, so that unless my successor visits those Lodges during his first half year their work will not be reported at all.

VISITS.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: Visited this Lodge on the 19th of December, 1893. Found a small attendance, largely due, as I was informed, by the prevalence of the gripe, the W. M., W. Bro. Bellwood being a victim at the time. In his absence P. M. W. Bro. Allin occupied the chair. The business of the evening was the election of officers. Among the brethren present I found some enthusiastic Masons, and

all seemed to be imbued with that spirit of true geniality which is so marked a characteristic of the craft in general. The work of the officers present was quite satisfactory. The hall here is a comfortable cheery place, beautifully carpeted and kept perfectly clean and tidy. As to progress, this Lodge is about at a stand still at present, but prospects are fair. Books well kept. Property fully insured.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville : This Lodge visited 20th December, 1893, and again 25th May, 1894. Though for some time back Jerusalem Lodge has been at a stand still, yet this year has brought new life to it. On my first visit, the first of what I trust will be a long series of initiations took place. On my second visit I had the privilege of seeing the degree of M. M. conferred on Brother Beith, M. P. for West Durham. Numbers of the brethren were present from Oshawa, Newcastle and Orono. The work was very creditably performed by the officers and P. M's. of the Lodge. The room is of a fair size, neatly and comfortably furnished, though the ante-rooms are somewhat hampered. Books in good condition. Finances all right. Judging from the present membership and from the character of the men now offering themselves as candidates I have no hesitation in saying that the prospects of this Lodge are most satisfactory.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono : Like my visit to Durham Lodge, Newcastle, the time of meeting the brethren of this Lodge was not what I should have chosen had I been possessed of more leisure. And though the time was in some respects unfavorable, I was obliged to use what I had at my disposal to reach the outlying places, which, on account of the train connections, are hard to reach. Notwithstanding this, there was a fair turnout of the members. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers. The ceremony of opening and closing in the different degrees was gone through with fairly well, the Wardens seeming to be best up in their work. From what I could observe here I should say that the best of harmony prevails. It is possible, however, that the general interests of the Lodge are thrown too much upon the shoulders of a very few. Books in good shape, neat little room and well furnished, and though there is at present no increase of membership the prospects are good and finances all right.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa : Though I visited this Lodge during the term of the old officers 27th December, 1893, I am confident from what I saw and learned from the brethren of the work, that the officers, controlling the Lodge now are capable men. The business of the evening was the

installation of officers, and here as elsewhere, observation has led me to the conclusion that the Past Masters are rarely well up in this part of the work. If the incoming D. D. G. M. sees fit to call two or three Lodges of Instruction during the coming year for the purpose of perfecting the brethren in this work, I shall do all in my power to assist him. Financially, this Lodge is all right. The fact most to be commended being the large grant for benevolent purposes made by the Board of Relief jointly with Lebanon Lodge, about \$250 inclusive of the Grand Lodge grants. The rooms held jointly with Lebanon Lodge are sufficiently large and well furnished. Secretary efficient in his work and prospects excellent.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: At my request an emergent meeting was called for the date of my visit to Cedar Lodge. The election of officers of this Lodge being held in June, I had an opportunity of seeing the ceremonies of opening and closing by the officers of the current year, which was quite satisfactory. The Secretary's books are kept with care. Financial standing all right. Property insured jointly with Cedar Lodge for \$1,000. Prospects most encouraging. After the business of the evening was completed, the brethren of both Lodges repaired to the Commercial House, where a sumptuous spread was as vigorously discussed as the previous business. A couple of hours were then spent in short, crisp addresses by many of the leading members of the Craft. There is no more pleasing subject for the contemplation of a Mason than the evidences of the true spirit of fraternity which animates the brethren of Oshawa.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough: Visited on the 2nd of March, 1894. Work—a raising—very creditably done, attendance good. Finances all right. Secretary punctual and exact in the discharge of his duties. The thorough zest with which the whole brotherhood here enter into both labor and refreshment is well worthy of mention.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough: By request, the W. M., W. Bro. R. Max Dennistoun, called an emergent meeting for 2nd of March, to meet with the brethren of Peterborough Lodge. The work, as in Peterborough Lodge, was a raising and was equally well done. A noticeable feature of the work was the readiness and correctness with which the W. M. occasionally substituted, thus preventing any unpleasant hesitation which often occurs. The hall and adjacent rooms here are the most spacious, and their appointments and furniture are second to none in the District. They are, of course, held jointly with Peterborough Lodge. Dues well collected. Secretary's books neatly kept. Progress most

encouraging. After work, an enjoyable hour was spent in the dining hall in short addresses and songs, W. Bro. Dennistoun favoring the D. D. G. M. with an appropriate song for his own special benefit. This was the second occasion on which I had the pleasure of visiting the brethren of Peterborough, and it is due to them to say that, after spending an evening with them a visiting brother always ardently desires to return.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope: My official visit was made to this Lodge on the 26th March, 1894. There being no work, the officers opened and closed in the F. C. and M. M. degrees, which was skilfully done. Business proceedings here are perfectly regular; books all right; financial standing of Lodge good and at present making considerable progress in its membership; average attendance good. Judging from present standing the prospects of this Lodge should satisfy the least sanguine of its members.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope: It was to this Lodge that I made my first visit. Being the Mother Lodge of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, my meeting with the Brethren here was more a formality than a necessity. There was a good turnout of the brethren, among whom were a number of the members of Hope Lodge. The spirit of fraternal union subsisting among the members of this Lodge is a pleasant thing for any admirer of the Craft to contemplate. The increase in membership, fifteen during the year, makes this the banner Lodge of the District in this respect. The hall, held in common with Hope Lodge, with its furniture, decorations and appointments, needs only to be seen to be appreciated and admired. It will be a continual source of pleasure to me in the future to look back to my official visits to both Ontario and Hope Lodges in loving and grateful remembrances.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: Visited this Lodge on March 27th. The meeting being emergent, the attendance was not, perhaps, so large as it would otherwise have been. In the absence of the W. M. in England, P. M. W. Bro. Barlee occupied the chair. The work done showed that the officers are well up in their work. The Secretary, Bro. R. Q. Dench, though not engaged in any clerical profession, showed me as neat, if not the neatest, set of books in the District. The standing of this Lodge is perfectly sound, and though not large in number is rich in the true spirit of Masonry.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry: This Lodge having worked U. D. for the last two years, I was honored with instructions from the M. W., the Grand Master, to proceed with the ceremonies of consecration and dedication, and to

hand them over their Charter. Accordingly a special communication of Grand Lodge was called at Port Perry for the evening of March 30th, when these ceremonies were duly performed and the W. M. installed. Quite an array of distinguished brethren from Peterborough, Lindsay, Uxbridge, Brooklin, Whitby and Oshawa were present to assist, among whom were R. W. Bro. Malone, of Toronto, R. W. Bro. Stuart, of Erie District, and R. W. Bros. Howse, McCaw and Miller of this District. I have great pleasure in extending my most cordial thanks to these and all other brethren who were present to render me their valuable advice and assistance on that occasion. With this Lodge things are going on pretty well as to growth, finances, etc. The staff of officers, however, needs remodelling somewhat. The W. M. is all right in his work, but he needs more help. The J. W. does not know his work, the S. W. is better up, but not well enough. There was a strong feeling, however, among the members to improve in this direction, which, I trust, has been remembered in their recent election of officers. On the whole their prospects are good.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene : For a Lodge of limited numbers there is much more than the average amount of Masonic life manifested amongst the brethren here. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Moffatt, is well up in his work and has pretty good backing in his subordinate officers, and the Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Shaw, is a host in himself. The work of the evening of my visit, 28th March, was a raising which was done with credit to both W. M. and his officers. The Lodge is in good financial standing, and as to payment of dues, the brethren here stand unexcelled in the District.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood : At my visit here on March 29th, the attendance was very small. This Lodge has been in deep water in past years, so far as I can judge, but the present officers seem determined to establish it on a firmer footing. Non-payment of dues has been one of the evils, but not the only one. The present officers were not equal to all the work, but I believe they are honestly laboring to get into line and sincere hopes are entertained for their success. I am indebted, however, to the brethren of this Lodge for the same uniform courtesy and kindness as elsewhere.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby : Great interest is taken in the affairs of this Lodge by the Past Masters and also by many members of more advanced years than usual. There was a good attendance on the evening of my visit, June 7th, but no work. The W. M. and officers opened and closed in the three degrees with commendable accuracy. The Lodge here owns its own organ and the closing in the first degree

with music is a feature which I have seen in only one other Lodge, but which might be adopted with profit by all. Bro. Willis, I believe, is one of the oldest Secretaries in the District and understands his business thoroughly. Although there is at present no increase in membership the prospects of the Lodge are of the best.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: Visited this Lodge on the 8th of June. Found a fair attendance, W. Bro. Dr. Wilson in the chair. Met with a very cordial reception and spent a most enjoyable evening. Financially this Lodge has every reason to be proud of its work during the year now drawing to a close. The dues are well paid up and the prospects are now quite encouraging. This state of affairs is largely due to the energy of the Secretary, Rev. and W. Bro. Farncomb, who is one of a family of enthusiastic Masons, others of whom I have had the pleasure of meeting elsewhere in the District. The W. M., owing to the urgency of his professional duties, has been unable to get up the work as it should be, but he assures me that it shall have all the attention in his power to give. If a little lacking in this respect he is a first-class Mason in all others. It is the duty of the subordinate officers also to give more attention to the work, the S. W. excepted.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: On the evening of my official visit here, June 11th, the election of officers was held, and a candidate initiated. The business of the election and the work of the initiation were both fairly well managed. The books are carefully kept, but dues are too far behind in a few cases. A greater degree of regularity in attendance also is most desirable, some of the officers being absent. On the whole this Lodge is just about holding its own and much depends upon both the membership and officers to make it a success.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: In membership this Lodge has recently begun to display evidences of new life. On the occasion of my visit the work was a passing, and I regret to say the only principal officer I can report definitely as to work is the W. M., W. Bro. Ruddy, who is a capable officer and has his work prepared. The S. W., who is an enthusiastic Mason, and, I am told, well up in his work, was detained on professional business. The J. W. has not attended to his duties since his re-election. Books neatly kept. Financial standing fair, comfortable rooms, and on the whole good prospects for the future.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon: June 15th. The W. M. and most of the officers were present, but the attendance

was not large owing to the extreme heat of the evening. The brethren here have a neat little room well furnished. The work of the evening was the conferring of the second degree, which was fairly well done by the W. M. and his staff of officers, assisted by some of the Past Masters. I have had a somewhat intimate acquaintance with many of the members of Verulam Lodge for nearly twenty years, and from my knowledge of them I feel that it is no more than their just due to state that they are a body of men whose hearts are in the right place, that the honor of the Craft is quite safe in their hands and that the future success of their Lodge is assured. The Secretary's books are a model of neatness, and the finances are satisfactory.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee : My official visit was made to this Lodge on June 22nd. A fair turnout of the brethren. The work was an initiation, and after giving close attention to the work throughout, I find that the W. M., W. Bro. McPher-son, and his officers can give as good an account of themselves as any set of officers in the District. The work of the W. M. is not only accurate and well rendered, but his subordinate officers pay that attention to minute details which is often wanting in some of the large Lodges. Although not making rapid progress, there is an upward tendency. The books are well kept. Finances in good shape, and on the whole, the officers and members have every reason to be well satisfied with their present standing and future prospects.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road : Though it has been doubtful for the past few years if this Lodge could continue its existence, it is gratifying to be able to report that present prospects are decidedly better than they were a year ago. The W. M., Rev. Bro. Chafee, is a most diligent worker, and I am confident he will have the best of support this year from most of his officers, especially from the S. W., Bro. Wood. The Secretary is a painstaking officer. The Lodge Room is held rent free. The annual dues have been reduced, I fear, rather low to fully cover running expenses. The work of the subordinate officers is somewhat defective, but improvement in this respect is confidently hoped for. The membership is widely scattered which proves a serious hindrance to regular and fuller attendance, but improvement in this respect is also looked for.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin : This Lodge, I regret to say is, at present, going very slowly. The collection of dues is the chief difficulty. Some of the members also manifested a state of apathy that must be exceedingly discouraging to the W. M. and his officers. Dues to Grand Lodge are behind in

consequence of this state of things. The small number of meetings during the year, a result of non-attendance, also leaves the work of the officers in poor shape. I have advised the W. M., W. Bro. Spencer and the P. M's. who are working for the interests of the Lodge to apply the pruning knife. Here, as elsewhere, I was met with the kindest and most cordial greeting, and it will be a matter of rejoicing to me to hear of the future success of Mount Zion Lodge.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay : " A Judge cannot be a witness in his own cause," and yet there is much that I would wish to say in reference to my Mother Lodge. In numbers we have scarcely held our own, but financially and otherwise we are quite up to or in advance of last year's standing. Some changes have occurred on the staff of officers, which has made it difficult for the W. M. to keep the work up to its usual standard ; nor is the interest taken in the affairs of the Order which should be by many of the members. Notwithstanding all this, however, the prospects of the Lodge are most hopeful. There are many members of long standing who have come to be looked upon as the sachems of the Society, and others who have been out for years are returning to the ranks.

In conclusion, let me refer all who are disposed to make further enquiry to the following tabulated statement for the information they wish to obtain.

If, during my term of office, I have fallen into any errors in the administration of the affairs of the District, I am confident the brethren will attribute the cause to inexperience rather than to carelessness or neglect.

To the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries in particular, and to the brethren of the District in general, I again express my hearty thanks for all their kindness.

And to the brethren who elected me to this the highest office in the gift of the District, I again tender my most heartfelt thanks, as this year's experience has enabled me to appreciate the virtues of the Order as I never should have been able otherwise to do.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. H. ARMOUR, D. D. G. M.,
Ontario District, No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Mem-ber-ship			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
				ber-ship	ship	ship												Total.	Regular.	Emergency.										
26	Ontario	Port Hope	74	15	2	11	9	5	3	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	12	2	14	20	\$96 00	22	\$190 00	June, '91	A 1	Excell'nt	Yes	1500 00
30	Composite.	Whitby	76	5	8	11	9	5	3	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	13	13	24	40 00	16	77 75	Dec., '93	Good.	Yes	Yes	1000 00	
31	Jerusalem.	Bowmanville.	45	3	3	3	3	2	2		3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	13	16	12	55 05	5	61 00	Dec., '93	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1700 00	
39	Mt. Zion	Brooklin	28	1	1	2	1	1											4	1	5	9	16	100 00	Dec., '92	Good.	Poor.	Yes	300 00	
66	Durham	Newcastle.	37	2	2	1	1	1											11	11	11	12	10 00	18	135 00	Dec., '93	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	\$1200 00
77	Faith, Bret.	Lindsay	78	7	9	4	5	6	2	1	3	6							11	14	14	20	32 85	1	40 50	Dec., '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	2000 00
101	Corinthian	Peterboro'	64	6	4	3	3	1											11	2	13	13	22 00	12	153 00	Dec., '93	Good.	Excell'nt	Yes	1500 00
114	Hope	Port Hope	73	9	8	4	4	1											11	2	16	19	22 00	17	259 00	Dec., '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	2500 00
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	67	7	7	5	7	3	1		2	4							11	2	13	18	17	13	153 00	Dec., '93	Good.	Hopeful.	Yes	1000 00
145	J. B. Hall.	Millbrook	61	6	5	3	6	7	1		3	5							10	3	13	15	14	7	125 00	Dec., '93	Fair.	Good.	Yes	2500 00
155	Peterboro'	Peterboro'	106	5	8	3	6	7	1		2	2	1						8	5	13	8	44 50	6	38 35	Dec., '93	Good.	Excell'nt	Yes	500 00
223	Norwood	Norwood	18	3	3	1	1	2			2	2	1						12	12	13		2	9 00	Dec., '92	Poor.	Fair	No.	None.	
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon.	40	6	1	1	1	2			5	2	1						8	5	13	8	9 00	9	72 25	Dec., '93	Good.	Fair.	Yes	400 00
270	Cedar	Oshawa	68	4	8	2	2	1	1		2	5							11	2	13		11	90 00	June, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00	
313	Clementi	Lakefield.	42	4	1	4	4	4											12	4	16	17	128 00	11	90 00	June, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
325	Orono	Orono	41		2														1	1	12	14	4	45 00	Dec., '93	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	200 00	
374	Keene	Keene	26																1	1	13	16	2	11 00	Dec., '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00	
375	Lorne	Onemee	31	2		2	1	7											12	4	16	13	10	62 00	June, '94	Good.	Good.	Yes	150 00	
398	Victoria	Victoria Road.	25	1		1	1	1											6	1	7	8	13	54 00	Dec., '93	Poor.	Fair.	No.	Fully ins.	
406	The Spry	Fenelon Falls.	38	2	4	1	1	1			3	1							9	8	17	10	7	34 36	June, '91	Fair.	Fair.	No.	300 00	
408	Murray	Beaverton.	36	3	3	1	1	1											12	1	12	15	9	83 75	July, '93	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00	
423	Fidelity	Port Perry	22	3	3	3	2	2											11	1	12	12		No rep.	Jan., '94	Fair.	Good.	Yes	400 00	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In rendering an account of my stewardship in the government and administration of the affairs of this District, I desire to place on record my sincere appreciation of the good and loyal work done by the worthy brethren who preceded me in the office of D. D. G. M. I found the work had been thorough and systematic, so that my duties as Supervising Officer was thus made easy.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. Wm. McKeown to be District Secretary, and the Rev. Bro. M. W. Maclean, District Chaplain.

My first official visit was made to Consecon Lodge, No. 50, November 17th, 1893. I found a good attendance, and was delighted to find such a large number of visiting brethren from Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, and from Lake Lodge, Ameliasburgh, all situated within a radius of ten miles. It gave me a lesson in brethren dwelling together in unity, which, considering it was my first official visit, impressed me favorably. W. Bro. Philip conferred the third degree, and, although quite unwell, rendered it in a very impressive manner. All his officers were also well up in the work. I had here, in his Mother Lodge, the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Dr. Thornton, the immediate P. D. D. G. M., who received me right loyally.

A sumptuous repast was served in the refreshment room, and a very pleasant social evening ensued.

The prospects of this Lodge are good, and its membership might be largely increased, but they are extremely careful in the selection of the material.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville : I visited this, my Mother Lodge, on November 29th, 1893, and to do honor to one of its members whom the District had honored with supreme command. There was a full attendance, and I received a right hearty welcome, and, as is the usual custom among the Belleville Lodges, there was quite a number of visitors from Moira and the Belleville Lodges. The first and second degrees were exemplified by W. Bro. Finn in a very creditable man-

ner, both he and his officers strive to have the work perfect in every detail. The Secretary, Bro. W. J. Diamond, takes a lively interest in the affairs of the Lodge, and keeps a very neat set of books. He also prepared and read at the September meeting, being its 21st anniversary, a very interesting paper on the history of the Lodge from the date of its Charter, the names of the several Masters, a schedule of withdrawals, deaths and suspensions. It was a curious coincidence that the number of Masters who had presided during the twenty-one years equalled the number of Charter members—the unlucky number 13, while the deaths, suspensions and withdrawals, each numbered 17. This Lodge, alongside of its two powerful and progressive sisters, is doing good work, and gradually increasing in numbers. W. Bro. Kemp and officers who were elected in December are also carrying on the work in a careful and efficient manner. Being myself Treasurer of the Lodge I have had frequent opportunities of witnessing the work.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton: I visited this Lodge November 30th, 1893, and found a fair attendance and again found that same brotherly feeling exemplified in the presence of W. Bro. Bonter and officers of Trent Lodge. I began to think that I had indeed and in truth a very happy family to preside over. W. Bro. Dr. Wade exemplified the work in the first degree in a very creditable manner, and although he was called away during the ceremony there was no lack of an efficient substitute to take up and finish the work. The social part of the Order is also duly attended to here; for as a W. Bro. expressed it, “if you don’t keep them in at refreshment until it is time to go home they will go elsewhere.” The prospects of this Lodge are good.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville: I made my official visit to this Lodge on December 7th, and was received by W. Bro. Dr. Geo. S. Wright, his officers and members, with a true fraternal greeting. Under the guiding hand of this worthy Master the Lodge has been brought to a high state of efficiency, not only as regards the ritual, which is closely observed, but every floor movement of the officers from the Stewards upwards, clearly showed the careful training and instruction which they have received. This Lodge at its previous regular meeting held a re-union of Past Masters, but which unfortunately I was unable to attend. I, however, telegraphed my congratulations. The idea of such a meeting emanated from W. Bro. Dr. Wright and was unique in its design, thus linking the past with the present and giving to the new members a history of the Lodge, its ups and downs, its

trials and victories, as well as giving pleasure to those old warriors, in recounting the days when they carried on the work under many difficulties and for the success of which many sacrifices of personal comfort were made. The first and second degrees were conferred on several candidates in a very impressive manner. I have also visited the Lodge since the election of W. Bro. Wensley and his new officers and found the same state of efficiency to prevail. The Secretary, Bro. Armstead, has his books in perfect order.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford : I have made two official visits to this Lodge. I attended on December 18th, to preside at the election of officers, the Master, W. Bro. Dr. McKague was under suspension, and it was well that I did, otherwise there would have been no election and the Lodge further retarded in its usefulness. On this occasion I was kindly accompanied by V. W. Bro. Shaw, Bros. Bird and Ferguson, all of Stirling. A good selection of officers was made and some fatherly advice administered. I again visited the Lodge May 14th, accompanied by W. Bros. Dr. Wright, Hunter and Thompson, Bros. Starling and Gillen, of Belleville, and received a hearty welcome. Just to show the progress the Lodge is making, the summons read, two to be balloted for, two to initiate (other than those to be balloted for) to pass two, to raise two. This success more than repays me for my two official visits. The work was very well done by W. Bro. Bonesteel, and the lecture in the first degree by the J. W. was beautifully rendered. Frank Lodge is on the high road to prosperity and the material selected, although in abundance, is of good quality. The room is well adapted for Masonic purposes with refreshment room adjoining, where we spent a pleasant hour.

Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth : I made my official visit to this Lodge on December 20th, 1893, the night of the election of officers, and received as the representative of the Grand Master a right loyal greeting. I was I think, personally unknown to any of its members, but my reception on that account was none the less sincere. There was no work, but the correct manner in which the election was carried on left no doubt in my mind of the ability of the officers to perform the work. The Lodge has been visited by Dr. Thornton, P. D. D. G. M., during this year, whose report was very satisfactory. W. Bro. Tomlison is a good ruler. On this occasion I had a body guard from Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellford, consisting of W. Bro. Wensley, Bros. Chas. Smith, C. Bailey and others. This Lodge Room is laid out for true comfort. Besides the Lodge Room they have a large refreshment room

and also a committee or examining room. There being no work I gave a short address on the three grand principles of Masonry which they seemed to appreciate.

St. John's Day, December 27th.—I had many urgent invitations to install, but had promised to preside at the installation of the three city Lodges, all having elected new Masters. From Old Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, I received a very peremptory summons, and to appease them I delegated my authority to my worthy genial and learned Brother, W. Bro. Dr. G. S. Wright, who performed the duty to their entire satisfaction.

In the ceremony at Belleville I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. A. McGinnis, P. D. D. G. M. We had a large attendance and a pleasant social evening.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17 Cobourg : I visited this Lodge January 16th, and received a hearty fraternal greeting. I had there the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. P. G. Lightbourne, P. D. D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig, Grand Registrar and a good attendance. W. Bro. Spence opened the Lodge in the three degrees when W. Bro. Hargraft, I. P. M., conferred the third degree in a manner which I highly appreciated. It was correctly rendered and with that ease and fluency which makes this degree impressive. There was a good attendance, including visitors from Colborne and United Lodge, Brighton. I also had a body guard from Belleville looking after the interests of 13th District, Bros. R. J. Orr, W. Kennedy and J. Phillips. The rooms occupied by this Lodge are spacious and well adapted for Masonic purposes, with a large refreshment room adjoining, where a pleasant and comfortable hour was spent in social intercourse. The black ball fiend has been retarding the progress of this Lodge, which is much to be regretted. The Secretary's books are carefully kept.

Prince Edward Lodge, No 18, Picton : I visited old 18, as the Picton brethren delight to call it, on January 18th, and although a wet and stormy night, there was a very large attendance. I received a hearty and fraternal greeting from W. Bro. Shaw and members of this Lodge. The W. M., who had only been installed in December, did his share of the work very creditably. The first degree was conferred by I. P. M., W. Bro. M. W. Allison. The work was beautifully exemplified by this worthy Brother, whom I consider one of the best workers in the District. The Secretary, W. Bro. Welbanks, is a zealous and efficient officer. His books are in perfect order and the arrears of dues kept at a minimum for so large a Lodge. In membership it is the Premier Lodge of the District. Its prospects are bright.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto : I visited this Lodge officially on February 1st, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Smeaton, W. Bro. Waters and Bros. Orr and Phillips. I received a cordial reception from W. Bro. Wright and the members of Craig Lodge. I had also the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig, Past G. Chaplain, who still keeps a fatherly eye over the business of the Lodge and takes a lively interest in its welfare. There was a large attendance of members, and the work as exemplified by W. Bro. Wright, was above criticism. He is pleasing in manner and confers a degree with the utmost ease and the lesson is carefully impressed. This is one of the best Lodges in the District, a busy hive of earnest and united workers. Since the dedication of their new hall by the Grand Master on the 4th of July, 1893, they have furnished it handsomely and in a thorough business manner, the whole cost having been subscribed previous to purchase, payable in installments from time to time, and so far every payment has been promptly honored. A bright future is in store for Craig Lodge.

Mystic Lodge, No. 278, Roslin : I visited this Lodge February 15th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Smeaton, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. Lattimer, W. Bro. Waters, Bros. Orr and Phillips. I was received with all the honors belonging to my official rank by W. Bro. Gillespie and officers, but very few members were present. There was no work. The W. S., however, gave the lecture on the tracing board in the second degree. The room is not suitable for Masonic purposes, but it is the best they can get ; the average attendance is small.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed : I made my official visit to this Lodge on the 16th February, and received a loyal reception from W. Bro. Way, officers and members, the attendance was not large and no work presented. This Lodge lost its hall by expropriation to suit the convenience of a railway company, and are at present occupying a hall along with another fraternal society. I have pointed out that this joint occupancy is not permitted, but they reply that in the meantime they must take shelter where they are or have no meetings. This Lodge has suffered from the formation of a number of other fraternal societies, but are still hopeful of better times. I was pleased to meet Past Masters Easterbrook and Dr. Tuttle, who still take a lively interest in the Lodge. The Secretary, Bro. Wray, is also a zealous Mason and keeps a correct set of books.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg : Escorted by W. Bro. Dr. Wright and Bro. C. E. Lyons, I paid a social visit to this Lodge at their November meeting where we were warmly welcomed and hospitably entertained. W. Bro. Dr. Wright

gave them an instructive address on some of the ancient landmarks, etc., while the D. D. G. M. also addressed the brethren. I visited again officially on the 19th of February, when I received a very hearty and fraternal greeting from W. Bro. Coleman and members. The attendance was very large and W. Bro. Bonter, of Trent Lodge, with W. Bro. the Rev. W. T. Wilkins and ten or twelve of his clan were present. The Belleville contingent, in the persons of W. Bros. H. Pringle, W. Lattimer, Geo. Dulmage and several others, combined to make the meeting a memorable one. The work of the second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Coleman to my entire satisfaction. W. Bro. Pringle gave a short address on the antiquity of the Order from a Biblical standpoint, which was much appreciated. Lake is a live Lodge and does not forget that the inner man should be properly sustained. Its prospects are excellent.

Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville: I visited this Lodge officially at its regular meeting March 21st and received a perfect ovation and a monster banquet. There was a very large attendance of its own members and likewise a large representation from the Sister Lodges in the city, and here I may say, that among the three Lodges in Belleville the utmost harmony and true Masonic feeling exists, a healthy emulation as to which of them shall excel being the chief characteristic. I have been pleased to find such a unity and brotherly feeling among the Craft in Belleville, and have by act and word endeavored to foster and encourage it. None of the Lodges are more generous in this regard than Mother Moira. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Hunter, and although he had only been elected to the chair in December the work was correctly rendered with perfect ease and fluency. I must also commend the work of the Wardens and Deacons. In this Lodge in particular, I have very often remarked that every officer strives to excel in his individual work and also displays a spirit of united endeavor "shoulder to shoulder," which has brought the Lodge to its present position. The Secretary, Bro. Hope McGinnis, is prompt in the performance of his duty and keep a neat set of books. A social evening followed which was heartily enjoyed.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton: I visited this Lodge May 20th, and was escorted by a body guard of twenty-five Belleville brethren under the captaincy of R. W. Bro. Smeaton. I received a warm and fraternal greeting from W. Bro. Bonter and the members of Trent Lodge. I missed the genial face of W. Bro. the Rev. W. T. Wilkins, who had been called away to attend to other duties. There was a good attendance of members and most of the officers in their places. The

second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Bonter in a very creditable manner ; he is a fluent and easy worker, and he regretted very much that the candidate for the sublime degree was not on time. The prospects of Trent Lodge are bright. There is good material in the Lodge to carry it on to prosperity.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora : I notified this Lodge of an official visit at their regular meeting in February. I got half-way, got snow bound, and had to make for shelter. I sent my regrets. I visited it, however, officially April 17th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Shaw, W. Bro. Vandervoort, Bros. Ferguson, Halliwell and Bird. We received a fraternal welcome from W. Bro. Proutt and members of Marmora Lodge. There was a good attendance and a warm room. The work consisted of a raising, which was very correctly exemplified by W. Bro. Proutt. I again was delighted to find several P. Masters present who still took a warm interest in their Lodge. This Lodge is in good standing, owns the building, has its rooms well furnished, and a public hall below, has a good and efficient Secretary who keeps his books in good order.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne : I made my official visit to this Lodge at its regular meeting in April, and was received in due and ancient form, a cordial and fraternal greeting being extended to the District representative. I had also the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson, P. D. D. G. M. This is one of the premier Lodges of the District, who by prudent foresight laid their foundations broad and deep. They own the building in which they meet and are in good financial standing. W. Bro. C. J. McCallum conferred the first degree in a manner which left nothing to be desired. He was quite at home in the work, and gives promise of a correct and polished worker. Bro. Keyes, the worthy Secretary, is a faithful servant to the Lodge ; his books and accounts are kept with systematic care and neatness. To W. Bro. W. H. Smith I am indebted for kind personal attention.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling : I made my official visit to this Lodge April 26th, accompanied by W. Bros. Lattimer, Dulmage, Mathieson, Waters, McIninch and Bro. J. Phillips. The representative of the Grand Master received a cordial welcome from W. Bro. Vandervoort and the members of Stirling Lodge. I had here the pleasure of meeting V. W. Bro. Jno. Shaw, Grand Steward, whose zeal for the Craft in general and Stirling Lodge in particular is evinced by his willingness to fill the Secretary's chair, a position which he fills with much acceptance to the Lodge ; his books are in perfect order in every detail. There were two candidates for the Fellow Craft degree, and the work, as exemplified in one case

by W. Bro. Vandervoort and the other by V. W. Bro. Shaw, was correctly rendered. The absence of some of the regular officers detracted somewhat from the work of the chair. This Lodge has suffered in the past from an estrangement among its members of a personal character, but the tide has turned, and I am hopeful of good results from this Lodge from now onwards.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford : I notified this Lodge that I would make an official visit on Tuesday, December 19th, but it appears that they had their night of meeting changed to Friday "on or before ;" said change, however, had not been recorded in the published proceedings of Grand Lodge, and calling an emergent meeting had not occurred to them. I again visited them on May 18th, and was warmly welcomed. There was no work. The Lodge opened in the 3rd degree, and W. Bro. Clark and his officers are well qualified to do good work when presented. The prospects of this Lodge are good.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington : I made my official visit to this Lodge May 15th, and was greeted right loyally. There was a good attendance. W. Bro. E. W. Greer, who, although only elected in December, has the work well up and conferred the third degree correctly in every particular and with perfect ease. His Wardens and officers performed their share of the work very creditably. There was a good attendance and a pleasant social hour was spent at the close. This Lodge has built a large public hall with very suitable Lodge and refreshment rooms above and will soon have the building free from debt. Its prospects are excellent.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc : I visited this Lodge June 12th and received a very cordial and fraternal greeting from W. Bro. Watson and his officers. There was a very good attendance considering that the majority of members live at quite a distance from the Lodge, some of them 70 to 90 miles. There was no work, but my predecessor in the office of D. D. G. M. reported on the work of this Lodge in his report of 1893, and I did not put them to the test. This Lodge is in good financial standing. They own their hall and Lodge Room and it is free from debt with assets of rent, dues and cash on hand of \$293. The prospects are very good.

VISITS

I have visited each Lodge in the District once and three outside Lodges twice, and I have never gone away from any one of them without giving a short address on some Masonic topic. Sometimes on the symbolism of Masonry, at another an extended explanation of the three Grand Principles and

sometimes on the Masonic conception of the Cardinal Virtues, exhorting them to deal kindly with the erring ones and so help them to regain their self-respect and lost status, not forgetting to remind them to put forth an effort to draw in the unaffiliated in their several jurisdictions.

EXPENSES OF D. D. G. M.

A few of the Lodges have not yet paid my expenses, but doubtless it is an inadvertance on their part. Let me add to what has been reiterated from year to year on this subject. It lowers the dignity of the office to receive money for expenses direct from a Lodge in which perhaps you have found it necessary to speak your mind freely. I hope and trust that the motion of V. W. Bro. Brydon coming up at this meeting of Grand Lodge will be supported by the unanimous approval of the Board of General Purposes.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued the following dispensations: To Stirling Lodge, 69, Dec. 13th, 1893; Golden Rule Lodge, 126, June 24th, 1894; Tweed Lodge, 239, June 24th, 1894; Colborne Lodge, 91, June 24th, 1894; Eureka Lodge, 283, June 24th, 1894, to attend Divine Service, and to Stirling Lodge, No. 69, June 21st, 1894, to unveil a monument to their late brother, M. G. Vandervoort.

DEATHS.

The following have been reported: W. Bro S. W. Flagler, Star in the East Lodge, 164; W. Bro. A. D. Palmer, Trent Lodge, 38; W. Bro. Jno. Y. Weeks, Consecon Lodge, 50; W. Bro. Dr. McKague, Franck Lodge, 127; V. W. Bro. Alfred Ellis, Moira Lodge, 11; V. W. Bro. Josiah Phillips, Percy Lodge, 161.

June 24.—The Belleville brethren turned out in large numbers to attend divine service in St. Andrew's Church, when they had the pleasure of listening to an eloquent discourse delivered by Bro. the Rev. M. W. Maclean, District Chaplain, on the Masonic Ladder. My thanks are due to W. Bro. Wm. McKeown for valuable services rendered as District Secretary.

In conclusion I have to thank the Belleville, Stirling and Campbellford brethren for their genial company on many a long drive, and to the Fraternity throughout the District for their cordial reception when paying my official visits, and am happy in the knowledge that I leave the 13th Masonic District to my successor in peace and harmony.

All of which is fraternally submitted:

WM. WEBSTER, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.			Degree's conf'd			Sustensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.			Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
11	Maitland	Belleville	147	19	1	17	15	19	2	1	1	1	1	65	\$ R	61	\$	Dec. 27, '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	\$4000 00
17	St. John's	Cobourg	61	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	17	80 00	14	38 34	Jan., '94	Not giv'n	Fair.	No.	Not giv.
18	Prince Edw	Pictou	151	5	1	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	15 00	12	14 38	June 30, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	2500 00
29	United	Brighton	51	4	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	16	15 00	4	8 00	June 24, '93.	Good.	Favorable.	Not giv.	Yes
38	Trent	Trenton	62	3	3	2	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	20	5 00	2	165 28	June 21, '93	Good.	Very G'd	Yes	500 00
48	Madoc	Madoc	95	3	3	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	26	75 00	4	150 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	2000 00
50	Consecon	Consecon	30	4	1	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	34	116 06	2	5 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1250 00
69	Sterling	Sterling	68	4	1	7	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	23	17 85	14	43 00	June 30, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1050 00
91	Colborne	Colborne	75	8	5	7	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	33	Nil.	6	95 00	June 24, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
123	The Bellef	Belleville	115	6	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	20 00	5	38 30	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Excellent	Yes	600 00
126	Gold Mine	Campbellford	52	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	20 00	7	35 00	Jan. 15, '94.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	1000 00
127	Frank	Frankford	61	7	2	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	35	40 00	10	54 00	Dec. '93	Good.	Good.	Yes	1000 00
161	Percy	Warkworth	69	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	25	25 00	5	115 00	June, '93	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
164	Str in the E	Wellington	45	5	2	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	18	35 00	7	82 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	800 00
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	55	4	2	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	35 00	13	50 00	Dec. '93	Good.	Fair.	Yes	300 00
232	Marmora	Marmora	54	5	2	5	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	20	2 50	12	41 50	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Very good	Yes	.....
239	Tweed	Tweed	49	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	21 60	20	82 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	.....
278	Mystic	Roslin	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	21 60	8	41 50	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	.....
283	Eureka	Belleville	51	5	1	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	21 60	20	82 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	800 00
401	Craig	Deseronto	52	5	1	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	15	21 60	20	82 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	800 00

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FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor to present the following report :

Owing to my business engagements I was unable to visit any of the Lodges of this District except my Mother Lodge, being Leeds Lodge, No. 101, previous to the assembling of Parliament, and intended as soon as the session was over, which I fully expected would have been by the 1st of June, to have visited such Lodges, but as we are still in session I will be unable to make my official visits.

I beg to inclose the reports received from six of the Lodges in this District, the other seven I expect in at once and will forward as soon as they are received.

I also beg to inclose extract from the minutes of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, held at Odessa ; also a letter from Bro. Jas. Hayward, Secretary of Leeds Lodge, No. 201, at Gananoque on behalf of Mrs. Welbanks, which I recommend to the serious consideration of the Board.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. TAYLOR, D. D. G. M.,
Frontenac District, No. 14.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit to you the following report upon the condition of Masonry in the St. Lawrence District.

The brethren of this District having elected me to the honorable and important office of District Deputy Grand Master at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, held at Ottawa, I take this opportunity of expressing to them my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me and also for the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by the officers and members of all the Lodges on the occasion of my official visits during the year.

I have visited every Lodge in the District at least once during my term of office and am pleased to report that the condition of Masonry is on the whole satisfactory. Many of the Lodges are in a very prosperous condition and the prospects are bright for the future. Increased interest has been taken by some of the Lodges where they formerly languished, and a healthy spirit prevails.

On many occasions when my official visits were made on the night of the regular meeting I gave the Lodges no previous notice, thereby hoping to see the work as it is ordinarily done.

At each Lodge visited I required them to open and close in the three degrees, and when no actual work, to exemplify one.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted by me during the year, the dues for which I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary :

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, to attend Divine Service on December 24th, 1893.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 23, Smith's Falls, to attend Divine Service, June 24th, 1894.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, to attend Divine Service, June 24th, 1894.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, to attend Divine Service, June 24th, 1894.

Friendly Brothers' Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, to attend Divine Service, June 24th, 1894.

IN MEMORIAM.

The deaths of the following brethren have been reported to me: Wor. Bro. Henry W. Weber, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall; Bro. Jas. McCallum, of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville; W. Bro. C. Stewart, of Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne; Bro. W. G. Brunning, Past Senior Warden of Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott.

RENUMERATION.

I have the honor to report that all the Lodges have contributed liberally towards paying my expenses, which speaks well for this District.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville: I visited this Lodge officially on May 28th, 1894, at a special meeting, accompanied by W. Bro. J. E. Ryan, W. M., Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott; 55 members present. The W. M. opened the Lodge in the three degrees in a very correct manner. The work for the evening was an initiation which was conferred in a correct and impressive manner. The officers are all proficient in their work and a credit and honor to the Lodge. The Secretary is a good one and discharges his duties faithfully. It gave me much pleasure to meet there R. W. Bro. J. Menish, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, P. D. D. G. M.'s, and R. W. Bro. L. A. Betts, Grand Chaplain, and R. W. Bro. Jackson, P. D. D. G. M., also V. W. Bro. J. A. Houston and W. Bro. Percival, of St. Francis Lodge, Smiths Falls. I must say that Sussex is the banner Lodge of this District, and is in a highly flourishing condition, with about \$800.00 in the treasury. Harmony prevails and I bespeak for it a bright future.

True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth: I visited this Lodge March 15th, 1894, and found it in a prosperous condition; 27 members in attendance. It was opened in the several degrees by the W. M. Work, three passings and one raising, which was correctly and impressively done by the W. M., who was fairly well assisted by the Wardens and subordinate officers. The Lodge should be proud of such a proficient Master. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept in a neat and correct manner. It gave me much pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. W. Morris, P. D. D. G. M., who gave me a history of some of the relics that adorn the walls of the hall.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smiths Falls: I visited this Lodge April 13th, 1894; 39 members present. It was opened in the three degrees, first and second conferred in a creditable and impressive manner. This Lodge is flourishing and one of the best in the District. They still retain the services of their

old Secretary, Bro. Moag, this being his thirty-sixth consecutive year, he being ably assisted by V. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, which is a sufficient guarantee that the books and all else pertaining to the Lodge will be properly looked after. There are no arrearages of dues, large hall, good furniture and money in the treasury. I bespeak for it a bright future.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 29, Kemptville : I paid an official visit to this Lodge on February 14th at a regular meeting ; 12 members present. It was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W. M. and first degree exemplified in a correct and impressive manner. This Lodge is in a healthy condition, 32 members on roll, scarcely any arrearages of dues. Books are well and neatly kept by W. Bro. W. H. Bottom, who should be highly commended for having made an important discovery last summer of an old chest containing the records, paraphernalia, etc., of Rideau Lodge (which was formed A. D. 1815, and ceased to exist 1845), which I think will throw some further light on the history of Masonry in the early days.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville : I visited this Lodge officially April 12th, 1893 ; 14 members present. It was opened in first, second and third degrees ; first exemplified ; officers not as well up in the work as they should be ; harmony does not seem to prevail among the brethren, but I understand that a better feeling exists at the present time and trust will improve in future.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, Maitland : I visited this Lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. B. D. Bagdon, P. D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District, N. Y., on Sept. 25th, 1893. There were only enough members present to open the Lodge. The only officers present were the Treasurer and Tyler. I opened and closed the Lodge. I am afraid that the officers are not proficient in their duties and have no zeal. I visited this Lodge again on January 22nd, 1894, with eight members in attendance—Senior Warden and both Deacons absent. The books are in a very unsatisfactory state, which shows gross negligence on the part of the officers concerned. A new Secretary having been elected I think that the books will be kept in a much more satisfactory manner. I am pleased to find that the dues are being more promptly paid. I recommended the W. M. exemplify a degree at each meeting (having no active work) so as to get the officers familiar with the ritual and get the members to take more interest in the meetings. I again visited on February 19th, 1894. I found fifteen members in attendance. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees in a manner not quite as correct as it should be, but I perceived quite an improvement. I pointed out that the dues

were too low, only one dollar and fifty cents, and recommended an increase, which, I understand, has been acted upon, and that the Lodge is awakening to a sense of duty and will improve in the future.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens : I visited this Lodge on April 17th, 1894. Forty-two members in attendance. Opened and closed in the three degrees ; first conferred on a candidate in a manner calling for commendation. The members of this Lodge should be congratulated on their new hall and handsome furniture, as it is one of the best furnished in the District. Books are neatly kept ; Lodge highly prosperous ; harmony prevails ; prospects extremely bright.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott : My mother Lodge. I had the great pleasure of installing the officers of this Lodge December 27th, 1893. There was a goodly attendance of the brethren. The Lodge Room is large and handsomely furnished, having an organ, electric light, etc. After the Lodge was closed a banquet was given at the "Queen's." I visited this Lodge officially on May 1st, 1894. The attendance was not large on account of other meetings of importance being held on the same evening. The W. M., W. Bro. J. E. Ryan, opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the first in a correct and impressive manner. The lecture given by the J. W., Bro. F. Nunn, was in point of exactness of wording and delivery worthy of mention. The Secretary, W. Bro. H. H. Wells, is a model one and the books are neatly and correctly kept. Financial standing good, over six hundred dollars invested. Prospects bright.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall : I officially visited this Lodge on April 3rd, 1894 ; 23 members in attendance ; opened in the several degrees, first and second conferred in a fairly satisfactory manner. Officers not as well up in the work as they should be. It is not as prosperous as might be expected from so large a town. The brethren claim it is on account of so many benefit societies being established there. I think the members are somewhat to blame for this state of things ; they have become careless and do not take enough interest in the good work. They have a beautiful and commodious room, well furnished. I am pleased to see that they appear to be taking a fresh start, and I hope for it a prosperous future. The books are well kept. Scarcely any arrearages of dues.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg : Visited March 15th, 1894. Small attendance on account of bad roads. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees ; there being no work the third was exemplified in a very creditable manner. Officers well up in work, Lodge Room well furnished, large arrearage

of dues which I recommended to be remedied without delay. Some friction seems still to exist, I am sorry to say, which I hope will be eradicated in the near future. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell, P. D. D. G. M., at the meeting. Secretary's books well kept. Two candidates ballotted for and accepted. Prospects look brighter.

Friendly Brothers' Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: This Lodge I visited on March 14th, 1894, 27 members present, was most cordially received by W. Bro. D. McDonnell and officers, who opened and closed in the several degrees, and one conferred in a highly satisfactory and impressive manner. An organ has been placed in the Lodge Room, and also tracing boards, which are a decided improvement. The books are neatly and correctly kept. This Lodge is flourishing and has a bright future before it.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited this Lodge on April 4th, 1894, fifteen members present. The W. M. being absent the brethren requested me to open the Lodge and confer the second degree on a brother who came a long distance. I complied with their request and found the officers not so proficient in their duties as they should be. The books are well kept and show a balance of one hundred and fifty dollars to the credit of the Lodge. I strongly recommend the officers to learn the work correctly. The hall is badly in need of a new carpet.

Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown: I visited this Lodge officially on April 19th, 1894, and was met by an assemblage of 25 members. It was opened in the first, second and third degrees, and first exemplified in a fairly creditable manner. The books are well kept and the Lodge is prospering.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Farran's Point: I visited this Lodge on March 21st, 1894, where I found a small turn out of brethren (13), on account of the bad roads. It was opened in the three degrees, and as there were no candidates the first degree was exemplified by the officers in a fairly creditable manner. They need some further practice and appear very enthusiastic. The hall is owned by the Lodge, but there is a small debt on it. The books are well and neatly kept by W. Bro. J. M. Cook, the Secretary. They have the best book of by-laws I have seen, giving a history of Masonry from an early date in this part of Canada. Bro. Cook, who was principally instrumental in the revision, deserves the gratitude, not only of Farran's Point Lodge, but also of all in this section of Canada. No arrearage of dues; Lodge prospering.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: Accompanied by W. Bro. O. Bascom and W. Bro. W. H. Bottom, of Mount

Zion Lodge, No. 28, I visited this Lodge officially on March 19th, 1894 ; 29 members were in attendance. Three candidates were balloted and accepted, and three applications were filed to be balloted at the next regular meeting. The first degree was conferred on two candidates in a creditable manner. The W. M. is a very enthusiastic Mason. The Secretary's books are kept in a correct and neat way. The prospects of this Lodge are of the best.

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: My official visit to this Lodge was paid on March 12th, 1894, without giving any previous notice. Thirty-eight of the brethren were present to receive me, including R. W. Bro. Rev. L. A. Betts, Grand Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. Colcock, P. G. D. of C. The Lodge was opened in the several degrees in a correct manner. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, W. M. All the officers performed their respective duties in a satisfactory manner. This Lodge comprises a large number of well skilled and faithful Masons and has every reason to expect a prosperous year and successful future.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta : Was visited by me on April 16th, 1894, and was met by thirty members. The first degree was conferred in a fairly creditable manner. The brethren here have a splendid hall which they own ; it is finely furnished. Officers did their work quite well. Books are well kept and prospects bright.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester : Visited this Lodge on March 6th, 1894, with nineteen members in attendance including nine from Chesterville Lodge, No. 320. Work, one initiation which was done in a fairly efficient manner, although the W. M. was slightly afflicted with nervousness owing to the presence of so many visitors. The officers require some practice. The books are well and carefully kept. Finances in good condition. Prospects good.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne : I officially visited this Lodge on March 15th, 1894. I found twelve members in attendance, the bad roads accounting for the small number. The W. M. not being well posted in the work, the Lodge was opened in the several degrees by W. Bro. Taylor, who exemplified the first degree in a manner with which I could not find much fault. The officers are not as well up in the work as I would desire. The hall is not suitable and poorly furnished. The Lodge is financially in good shape. Books well kept. I attended a very successful "At Home" given by the Lodge, which I think will have a tendency to awaken interest which has been lying dormant for some time.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta : I made

my official visit to this Lodge on April 18th, 1894, with fifteen members in attendance. It was opened in the several degrees by W. Bro. John Chapman, in the absence of the W. M., who did not think it worth his while to put in an appearance, although I was informed he was in the village all evening. I understand he is not posted in his duties and that was his reason for his non-attendance. First degree exemplified fairly well by W. Bro. Chapman in the chair. Not much arrearages of dues. Hall owned by Lodge, but have a debt of two hundred dollars on it. Dues too low, only one dollar and fifty cents. I drew their attention to the fact that they could not expect to get out of debt without raising them to at least two dollars and fifty cents per year. Books well kept ; prospects fair

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn : Visited March 20th, 1894 ; 15 members in attendance. The Lodge was opened and closed in three degrees ; having no work, at my request the first degree was exemplified. I was favorably impressed with the excellent character of the work, the W. M. being a fairly good worker, while the Senior and Junior Wardens and subordinate officers were thoroughly ground in their duties, the charge of the J. W. being noticeable for its accuracy and distinctness. The books are carefully and correctly kept, which bear evidence of the care and attention bestowed upon them by the Secretary, W. Bro. E. Cumming, an old P. M. I believe a great measure of the success of this Lodge is owing to the indefatigable exertions of R. W. Bro. C. W. Bullock, P. D. D. G. M., whom I had the pleasure of meeting. The prospects of this Lodge are exceedingly bright.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville : I visited this Lodge officially on March 13th, 1894 ; fifteen members present. This small attendance is accounted for by reason of a rainy night and very bad roads, and not receiving any notice of my visit. The Lodge was opened in the several degrees. The third was conferred in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Smith, P. M. The officers require some practice in order to perfect themselves in their duties. The books are carefully kept, and Masonry is flourishing in this Lodge and its prospects are bright.

I regret that owing to the failure of several Lodges to make the necessary returns, although I have written several times to the secretaries to do so, I am unable to furnish a complete statement of the work done, but submit herewith a return from the Lodges from which I have been able to obtain statements.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. GRAHAM, D. D. G. M.,
St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degre's conf'r'd			Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Am. M.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.							
5	Sussex	Brockville	144	...	2	4	3	2	2	3	14	4	22	\$120 00	July 2, '94...	Very G'd.	Good.	Yes	Yes
14	True Brit's Perth	Perth	89	7	9	8	7	1	1	13	4	17	13	147 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	\$500 00
24	St. Francis Smith's Falls...	Smith's Falls...	79	17	...	9	8	4	1	1	3	17	15	27 25	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00
28	Mt. Zion ...	Kempville ...	29	...	3	8	8	4	1	12	3	15	8	12 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	300 00
35	Merrick's ...	Merrickville ...	43	...	...	6	1	1	1	11	1	11	4	20 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Fair.	Fair.	Yes	None.
74	St. James ...	Matland ...	65	15	12	8	7	3	2	11	3	16	30	120 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	400 00
85	Rising Sun. Athens	Athens	91	1	6	4	5	1	1	14	3	17	30	135 50	June 25, '94	ex. \$700	Good.	Yes	750 00
110	Central ...	Prescott ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Yes	None.
125	Cornwall ...	Cornwall ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Yes	None.
142	Excelsior ...	Morrisburg ...	59	10	9	8	7	1	...	14	4	18	20	115 50	Feb., '93...	Good.	Good.	Yes	None.
143	Friendly B. Iroquois	Iroquois .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
207	Lancaster ...	Lancaster ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
242	Macoy ...	Mallorytown ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Good.	Yes	800 60
256	Faran's Pt. ...	Faran's Point ...	70	5	4	5	5	1	1	13	1	14	20	65 00	June 24, '94	Fair.	Good.	Yes	Yes
320	Chester's ...	Chester's ...	67	9	9	2	7	1	2	2	12	2	14	184 47	July 19, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	700 00
368	Salan ...	Brookville ...	83	13	8	6	7	5	3	14	4	18	29	217 29	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	O. K.	Yes	...
370	Haymory ...	Delta ...	58	7	7	5	2	2	4	14	2	16	21	10 00	June 24, '93	Good.	...	...	...
383	Henderson ...	Winchester ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
387	Lansdowne ...	Lansdowne ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
389	Crystal F'n North Augusta	North Augusta	50	...	...	...	2	...	2	11	1	12	15	9 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	...	500 00
416	Lyn ...	Lyn ...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	20 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00
418	Maxville ...	Maxville ...	54	7	4	2	2	2	1	13	...	13	22	25 00	Dec. 23, '93.	Good.	Splendid	Yes	None.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting the report on the working and condition of the various Lodges in the 16th Masonic District, Ottawa, for the past year, 1893, I beg leave to state that although I did not deem it necessary at the outset to appoint a District Secretary, not wishing to ask any brother to perform onerous duties, when there was no recognition or honor to be gained thereby, I am now convinced that such an assistant would have proved himself invaluable, and would advise my successor to profit by my experience and secure for himself such a help-mate at the outset of his career.

I made it my duty first to visit each of the Lodges outside the City of Ottawa, in order to ascertain if they were working in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge.

I am sorry to say that some of the Worshipful Masters were not able to confer all the degrees, although in their statements they report "*yes.*" This kind of reporting I do not uphold. The Board of Installed Masters, who examined the Worshipful Masters elect, could not have done their duty in a proper manner. If they had, the elected Worshipful Master, who was deficient in the work, would not have been installed, or should not have been installed by the installing Master. But there is excuse for a Worshipful Master, who is elected only a few days previous to the day of installation. In such cases I think the By-laws of the Lodge should be amended so as to give ample time for the Worshipful Master-elect to prepare himself for the examination before the Board of Installed Masters. By this means we would have efficient men as Worshipful Masters. I am glad to report that very few W. M's are deficient ; but I notice that after they have been installed they, as a general rule, become *careless* and do not apply themselves, as they did *previous* to their examination. I notice that not one of the Lodges visited examine the candidate who has been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, as they should do. At the next meeting of the Lodge, therefore, the brethren who have been raised are not able to pass any examination

in the third degree, simply because the Worshipful Master had not done his duty. I also found that one of the Worshipful Masters in the District, who is an excellent worker and who does all in his power to advance the true principles of Masonry, deviated in imparting the work of the second degree to such an extent that I felt it was my duty to request him not to perform the work in that manner in future. I advised him strictly to adhere to the work given him by Grand Lodge, and also explained that he was only introducing the thin edge of the wedge by innovations in the manner of conferring degrees. He saw his mistake and promised me faithfully that he would permit no work to be done in his Lodge which was different from the instructions of Grand Lodge.

On going through the District I find that it is not the important matters that annoy a District Deputy in performing his duties of inspection, but simple small details and routine which have to be decided by the different D. D. G. M.'s in accordance with their own ideas. In my opinion a manual should be compiled by Grand Lodge setting forth every detail clearly, so that each Worshipful Master would be in possession of facts for his guidance, thereby saving many unnecessary questions being put to the District Deputy Grand Master, and prevent many innovations in matters of detail, as all would be alike in every respect.

In regard to the use of intoxicants at the festive table, I have much pleasure in reporting from personal observations, that only a few of the Lodges in this District permit any stimulants to be used. There may have been no speaking or song, but I must say that everyone appeared to enjoy himself, and no ill feelings were aroused from over excitement, and I have no doubt that when they arrive at their home the wives of the married ones were well pleased to find their husbands had been enjoying themselves in innocent mirth, and by that means would feel more kindly disposed towards our time-honored institution.

I have noticed that some Worshipful Masters have not the administrative power in ruling a Lodge and commanding respect, while others do so with ease and comfort to themselves and the brethren over whom they preside. They should have power and jurisdiction over their Lodges to rule in a discretionary manner, only using the gavel in extreme cases. Where they are not respected by the members, they should first try and command respect by kind words of admonition, and if this course will not suffice to restore good order and respect for the chair, the power is vested in the gavel, but in using it

they should not show any feelings of animosity towards the brethren. I have noticed good Worshipful Masters who are enthusiastic in Masonic work, make, what I consider a mistake in speaking rather sharply to the members of their Lodges, thereby causing a spirit of resentment in the minds of the brethren of the Lodge. We must not forget that we are all working our separate parts, without any remuneration, consequently do not like to be driven by force. I may say it is of rare occurrence, and in reporting in general the condition of Masonry in my District, consider that all the Lodges are working together in peace and harmony, or as well as any person could expect from so many men of different minds and temperaments. Perfection we will never see in a Masonic Lodge, but we should endeavor to come as near to it as is possible.

The Committee on the Ottawa Masonic Library was organized in 1889 and has made very satisfactory progress up to the present time. It is managed by a committee composed of one representative from each of the Lodges in the City of Ottawa, one from Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, and one from Eddy Lodge, Hull, P. Q. It now has in its cases, about one hundred and fifty volumes of various Grand Lodges in Canada and the United States, 110 volumes of Masonic works, and 120 volumes of general literature, the whole neatly bound.

The Library was opened for circulation, in a limited way, to members of the Craft during the month of February last, and is much appreciated by them. The committee have had an arduous task on hand in arranging the books and making a complete list, which they have had printed. The committee would be thankful for donations of books from any member of the Craft who feels inclined to assist them in their work of spreading Masonic knowledge in this section of our jurisdiction. All that is now required to make it a success is, for the Lodges in the city to support the committee with funds to pay for binding and the necessary running expenses connected therewith.

On the 25th October, 1893, the brethren of the different Masonic Lodges in the City of Ottawa were invited, through The Builders Lodge, No. 177, by the Masonic brethren of Ogdensburg, to pay them a fraternal visit, and for the Lodge to confer the first degree. This was agreed to by the Lodge and, out of courtesy, invited officers of other Lodges in the city to assist them, which was gladly accepted, showing the good feeling that existed between the Lodges.

About sixty or seventy brethren from Ottawa responded to the kind and fraternal invitation from the Ogdensburg brethren, and upon our arrival were met by a committee of the Ogdens-

burg Masons, who were extremely kind in doing all they could to make the visit pleasant while we were under their care. This meeting showed, conclusively, to my mind, that Masonry was the means of binding us all closer together in the ties of brotherly love.

The Lodge met at the appointed hour and Builders Lodge proceeded with the work, R. W. Bro. Cook, Worshipful Master in the chair. The degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, after which all were invited to a banquet held in the City Hall, a magnificent building, of which the Council Chamber was set apart as the banquet room. After partaking of an excellent supper, the evening was spent in speeches and song which made us all feel overjoyed at being received so well by brethren in a foreign jurisdiction. I feel sure that nearly three hundred Masons sat around the banquet tables, and I am sure that the brethren from Canada did feel thankful to the Masonic fraternity of Ogdensburg for their kind hospitality on this particular occasion, and I also feel satisfied that such fraternal meetings are conducive of great good, and cause a kindly feeling to spring up in the breast of every brother who may participate in such friendly and fraternal gatherings.

I do think that if fraternal visits were more often practiced in our District it would tend to bring about a more kindly feeling among our brethren, and by that means bind us closer together by an indivisible chain of sincere affection and brotherly love for each other.

I completed my inspection of every Lodge in my District on the 2nd day of January, 1894.

During my official visits I endeavored to fulfill my mission with care and prudence, but I soon found that I was not able to do what I intended. I am convinced that no D. D. G. M. can do much to improve the condition of Masonry by one visit to each Lodge. I was only able to see to a limited extent how well the Lodges were working, and in many cases I found that the proper officers of the Lodge were not in their places, thus rendering the inspection incomplete. I am of the opinion that it is the duty of every Worshipful Master to see that all his officers are in their proper places; it is also the duty of the officers to obey the command of the Worshipful Master in this respect, or give a sufficient excuse for not doing so. In reviewing the condition of Masonry in the Lodges in the District, I feel satisfied that they are all doing as well as can be expected. Some of the Lodges labor under disadvantages that they cannot overcome. In the city I notice an increase of attendance.

Previous to my official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 63, G.

R. C., Carleton Place, a dispute arose between the Worshipful Master and an elder brother of the same Lodge in regard to the Worshipful Master's ruling. The Worshipful Master wrote to me complaining of the contumacy of the brother, and as I saw no way of settling the dispute without personally interviewing the parties concerned, I decided to go and hear both sides of the question, and by that means be able to decide what was best to be done to bring harmony into the Lodge. I therefore made it my duty to visit Carleton Place on the 2nd September, 1893, for the purpose of bringing these two brethren together, and after hearing what each one had to say in the matter, try, if possible, to settle the difficulty between them. After having heard their statements, pro and con, I advised the elder brother to make some statement of regret to the Lodge at its next meeting, which he promised to do, provided I came up to the meeting of the Lodge and would take the chair while he made his statement. I replied that I would gladly do so. Consequently visited the Lodge officially on the 13th September, 1893.

I am glad to report that he did to the utmost satisfaction of the Lodge, express in writing his regret. This I considered all that could be expected of the elder Brother, who, I am informed, has been a member of the Craft for upwards of thirty years. This act of his caused me to feel very kindly towards him, as he considered that he had been harshly treated, still he was willing to make amends. On the other hand the Worshipful Master held out the right hand of fellowship, and at once desired the Lodge to accept the Brother's statement of regret. Since then I have been informed by the immediate Past Master of the Lodge that harmony prevails.

I was not able to see the work of the Lodge performed by the Worshipful Master, as during the course of the conferring of the degree, the W. M. became suddenly unwell and was obliged to retire. Nevertheless I am satisfied that he was able to perform the work, as he has an excellent Past Master at his right hand to see that all things are done well. This Lodge has a membership of worthy and talented brethren who take a great interest in Masonic work. They have a Lodge building of their own which is neatly kept. The Lodge appears to be in a prosperous condition.

On the 11th September, 1893, I made my first official visit, outside the City of Ottawa, to Madawaska Lodge No 196, G. R. C., Arnprior, in company with Worshipful Past Master C. R. T. Garrioch, formerly a P. M. of a Lodge in Vancouver, British Columbia, and now affiliated with Eddy Lodge, Hull, in the Province of Quebec. This brother formerly lived in

Arnprior, therefore desired to be with me on this occasion. I desire to place on record the high appreciation that I entertain of this brother in Masonry for the many brotherly kindnesses shown to me by him.

I am happy to report that I found this Lodge in a prosperous condition, under the administration of Worshipful Bro. Burwash, under whose administration it still continues, ably assisted by Very Worshipful Past Master Hood, who is entitled to more than a passing remark for his energy and zeal in promoting the interest of Masonry in this section of the country. He has, I am informed, not only devoted his time in advancing the interest of Masonry, but has put his hand deep into his pocket to aid them when it was required, and I only hope that he will yet receive his reward.

The officers were not all present, but I am informed by the Worshipful Master that they are efficient in their work in the several degrees. This Lodge has had plenty of real work during the year, from the 24th June, 1893, to the 24th June of the present year, as will be seen by referring to the tabular statement attached to this report. Since the 1st August, 1893, up to the 24th June, 1894, I have personally received nineteen notices of meetings held by this Lodge, regular and emergent, which shows clearly to my mind that they are advancing rapidly. They have a neatly furnished hall—everything that is required for good work. I feel satisfied as to the proficiency of the work from what I saw done. During the evening of my official visit five applications were reported upon, two of which were rejected. During my remarks I suggested that they should hold a Lodge of Instruction, as I considered this Lodge well situated for such a purpose, being in close proximity to other Lodges, but they were not able to do so from the amount of work that came upon them as a Lodge. Twenty-five members were present, with a few visiting brethren from Renfrew Lodge. I may here say that I found the best of brotherly feeling existed between these two Lodges.

On Wednesday, the 20th of September last, I paid my official visit to Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, G. R. C., Richmond, in company with W. Bro. Luke, of Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa. It is unfortunate for this Lodge that the W. M., Dr. Richardson, has removed his place of residence to Hazledean; being a medical man he cannot devote the time required to instruct the subordinate officers as to their duties, therefore I found some of them far from being up in their work, and advised the W. M. to instruct his officers in the proper discharge of their duties. Although I desired this to be done, still I feel sure that it cannot be very well-executed, as some brethren who

hold office live at along distance from the Lodge, thus rendering the meeting for mutual instruction from the W. M. almost impossible. I also notice that this Lodge has had to select brethren from Ottawa and other places a long distance from the Lodge to undertake the management of the work. I am told that for twelve successive years R. W. Bro. Satchell held the office of W. M., and that he had to travel twenty miles each way to attend the regular meetings of the Lodge, and since then I notice that almost everyone who has had the management of the Lodge are selected from brethren who reside a long distance away from where the Lodge meets. I notice a great improvement in this Lodge since W. P. M. McElroy first took the chair; he has helped all subsequent W. M.'s in the discharge of their duties. The Lodge is doing fairly well, and since my official visit another worthy brother has been made the W. M.; he is also a doctor and lives in the City of Ottawa. Certainly these brethren deserve all praise who devote so much of their time to the advancement of Masonry.

I visited Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, G. R. C., Renfrew, on Monday the 2nd October last, and was met by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Mackay and Bro. Cleary, the then Secretary. They did all in their power to give me any information that I required. I am happy to report that the books are kept in an excellent manner; the Secretary deserves all credit. The work of the Lodge was well executed by the Worshipful Master and his Wardens. The members of this Lodge appear to enjoy a goodly portion of brotherly kindness towards each other, and from subsequent communications with the now Secretary, Brother Pedlow, they undoubtedly have charity (which is characteristic of a true Mason), by extending relief and consolation to an aged brother 90 years of age, who is in destitute circumstances. I also notice a friendly feeling between this Lodge and Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior; they visit it frequently which makes it very pleasant. I am informed that the Lodge will soon be removed to a new building where the members will have a nice hall with the approach to it suitable to their requirements. This Lodge has a membership of about seventy members all in good standing, men of education and ample means to make any society a success under their direction.

On Tuesday, 3rd October last, I visited officially Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, G. R. C. This Lodge owes a great portion of its prosperity to the energy and zeal of our worthy and much respected Right Worshipful Brother Klock, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, who, I am informed, is the guiding star of this very nice and prettily situated Lodge, with a perfect gentleman and brother at its head, Worshipful Brother De Sousa, who

is an employee of the Hudson Bay Company, and who takes a lively interest in the Lodge, but who was very poorly assisted by his principal officer, the secretary, who, subsequent to my visit, I have been informed by the W. M., resigned the office in March, thus placing the W. M. in a difficulty ; but through the kindness of other members, who have aided him in this respect, he now has completed the work in a most satisfactory manner.

The Worshipful Master is an excellent worker and renders the routine of the Lodge in a very pleasant manner, and his officers do their work fairly well. This Lodge is in a good financial condition. They have a building of their own, and it is very nicely furnished with every convenience to make it a pleasant Masonic home where any brother would feel delighted to visit.

On the 5th October I visited Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, G. R. C., and was greatly pleased to meet with the distinguished brethren of the Lodge in the persons of Right Worshipful Bro White, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Rt. Worshipful Bro. Burritt, Past District Deputy Grand Master of this District, both of whom are members of this Lodge, and to whom I extend my warmest thanks for their kindness to me on this occasion.

On my entrance into the Lodge I found a very neatly furnished Masonic home, with kind and courteous members, and a very pleasant Worshipful Master at their head, who was a little embarrassed to find that not one of the candidates was present to receive the second degree, and also that his officers were not all present. I requested him to open and close the Lodge in the several degrees, which he did very well. I feel perfectly satisfied from personal conversation with prominent members of the Lodge that the Worshipful Master and his officers do their work well, that they endeavor to promote peace and harmony among the members of the Lodge and the Craft in general. The Lodge is situated in an excellent locality from which to draw good material, and is in a good financial condition. Although they are well and comfortably situated where they are, still they are anxious to have a new hall, which is now nearly completed for them, where they expect to be more in accord with our electric times. I wish them every success.

On Friday, the 6th October last, I paid my official visit to Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, G. R. C., Almonte. There were present a good representation of Masons, among whom were several Past Masters ; one of them, Worshipful Past Master Hill, appears not to have lost his interest in the Lodge. He is

very enthusiastic in his efforts to see that they have a clean and comfortable Masonic home, where the brethren would be glad to go and spend an evening with their associates in Masonry, but there are many things for them to improve upon. I have to report that I did not find the routine work of the Lodge conducted in a proper manner, of whom the present officers are not so much to blame, as they were working in compliance with their by-laws. During the routine business of the Lodge a petition was presented for a candidate for initiation. As soon as it was presented the Worshipful Master ordered the ballot to be passed for the receiving of the same. I could not understand why they were called upon to ballot on the receiving of a petition. I therefore at once objected to such a course of proceeding, at the same time giving my reasons for so doing, stating that they were only required to receive the petition and move that it be referred to the Board of General Purposes of the Lodge or a committee appointed by the Worshipful Master, directing them to make all necessary inquiries as to the character of the person seeking admission, and for them to report at the next meeting of the Lodge, either for or against the candidate, if in favor, then it would be the duty of the Worshipful Master to order the ballot to be passed. Some of the brethren thought this right, while others still entertained the opinion that the by-laws were correct simply because they were signed by a Grand Master about twenty years ago. I do not think that he ever read the clause; I see no use in it and therefore recommended them to have the by-law amended. Since then, I have looked through all the different by-laws in the District to ascertain if any had a clause of this kind; I cannot find one.

In the course of the evening I directed the Worshipful Master to open and close the Lodge in the several degrees; in the third degree he failed; this may have been from a want of confidence on his part, as I feel sure under ordinary circumstances he would be able to perform the work. I feel satisfied that, as a general rule they are careless in their manner of performing the ritualistic work.

I found some of the officers very well up in their duties and I cannot close my remarks without expressing myself well satisfied with the efficiency of the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Pollock.

On Monday the 23rd of October, 1893, I visited Plantagenet, in company with W. Bro. Luke, of Doric Lodge, No. 58, for the purpose of making my official visit to Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, G. R. C. On my arrival I found a small town situated in an out of the way place, with a Roman Catholic

population surrounding the whole. A very unlikely place for any body of Masons to prosper. Upon inquiry I found that most of the people did not even know where Masons met. The hall, I may say, is simply a disgrace to Masonry. The Worshipful Master is a smart looking man, and the present Secretary endeavors to do his part. I could not get their amended by-laws for the Grand Master's approval, but he did take the trouble to write out a copy of the old by-laws for me for which I thank him for taking so much trouble. I understand from him that his predecessor lost the papers in connection with the amendments suggested by the Grand Master. In the evening a few members of the Lodge met, but not enough to warrant the W. M. in opening the Lodge, so I was compelled to leave without being able to give any report as to the efficiency of the work.

On the 24th day of October, 1893, I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 212, G. R. C., Vankleek Hill.

As I was not known as a Mason by any of the members of this Lodge, I requested the Worshipful Master not to admit me until he sent out a board of trial to examine me. A Past Master was sent out, but he appeared not able to put the necessary questions required for the examination of a stranger in such cases. It was apparent to me that it would be very easy for any one to pass into the Lodge. After being admitted and the business of the Lodge completed, I desired the W. M. to confer the third degree. He was about to do the work in an improper manner, which I prevented him from doing. I may say that I am convinced that he has not applied himself to the work as he should have done. This Lodge is in a good financial condition, but they are not able to have a room of their own, and consequently hold their meetings in a room where other societies meet. This is contrary to Masonry, and cannot very well be helped; they are doing the best they can.

I paid my official visit to Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, G. R. C., Lanark, on the 2nd day of January, 1894, in company with several brethren from Carleton Place, which made it very pleasant for me.

Worshipful Brother D. McLaren and his officers do their work well, and the second degree was conferred on a very smart young man who had driven over twenty miles to have the degree conferred upon him. I was highly pleased with the good feeling which appears to be in this Lodge, but I am sorry to say that this Lodge is not in a state of prosperity. I have only received the notices of four meetings for the year. The Secretary must have been very remiss in his duty, or the Lodge must be in a very poor condition. I would very much

like to see them prosper, as there are, I feel sure, good and true Masons in this place if they only had the work to do.

On Friday, the 1st September, 1893, I paid my first official visit to my mother Lodge, viz : Doric, No. 58, G. R. C., Ottawa, and was received in the most kind and courteous manner by the W. M. and the brethren. The W. M. and all his officers were in their respective offices in the Lodge and I am greatly pleased to report that each and everyone of them did their work well. I may be a little selfish when I say there is not a W. M. in the District who renders the work more perfectly than W. Bro. Luke ; it has only been a few short years since I initiated him into the Craft, since then he has far advanced in the different superior degrees, being in almost all the higher orders. Under his administration the Lodge has prospered, and upon this particular occasion, although he was not aware that I would visit his Lodge officially on this evening, still the degree was worked by him with ease and credit to himself and his officers. During the year 1893, and under his administration, thirteen members were added to the Lodge. The only drawback to the Lodge was that we were called upon to pay the expenses of the burial of one of our brethren who had for a number of years previous to his death resided in the City of Toronto, and who, I firmly believe, left enough property to bury him, and if he did not he left sons who are in good circumstances who should have been called upon to pay the expenses. If I understand what is meant by giving a brother a Masonic funeral, it is that we will gladly perform the ceremony and give him all the respect which is due to him, but not to pay his funeral expenses when he has left enough to do so or his relatives are able. I do think it is our duty to do so where a brother dies and leaves nothing behind him to pay his funeral expenses, in other words, dies in destitute circumstances.

The By-laws of the Lodge were revised and amended by a committee appointed for that purpose. One important amendment was that the fee of twenty dollars was increased to thirty dollars, so as to be in conformity with other Lodges in the city, except Civil Service Lodge ; they still adhere to the small fee of twenty dollars.

The Lodge is greatly obliged to our worthy Secretary, Bro. Charles Abbott, for his kindness in presenting the Lodge with all the By-laws that we required, free of all charges.

On the 27th day of December last I duly installed the Master and officers of this Lodge. Before the Lodge was closed, on the night of my official visit to this my Mother Lodge, on the 1st September last, the Worshipful Master, Brother Luke, on behalf of the brethren of Doric Lodge, No.

58, G. R. C., Ottawa, presented me with a beautiful Past Master's jewel as a token of respect, for which I again return to them my sincere and warmest thanks.

On Friday, the 10th November last, I paid my official visit to the Builder's Lodge, No. 177, G. R. C., Ottawa.

Rt. Wor. Brother Cook being the Worshipful Master during the past three years, has made a most successful Master. He is the best administrative officer in the District, and has ruled his Lodge with credit to himself and profit to his Lodge. His officers do their best to aid and assist him in the discharge of his duties; they are efficient in their work; the second degree was worked by the W. M. and his officers, and I may say that I was pleased with the manner in which the business of the Lodge was conducted. This Lodge is in an excellent position. I again visited this Lodge on the 13th April to attend a special meeting set apart for Past Master's of that particular Lodge to fill each of the chairs and do the work. I have to report that each office in the Lodge was filled by a Past Master, ably presided over by Worshipful Past Master Cairns. It is not necessary for me to say that the work was done in an excellent manner, although some of the brethren had not performed any work for nearly twenty years.

During the evening a presentation of two Past Master's jewels was made, one to Rt. Wor. Bro. Cook and one to Wor. Bro. H. H. Cairns, both of these tokens of respect were well merited. At this meeting five Grand Lodges were represented.

I cannot say too much for the zeal and attachment the Past Masters of this Lodge show in their attendance. On one particular evening fifty brethren of the Craft were present, out of which fifteen Past Masters of various Lodges were in attendance, eight of whom were Past Masters of Builders' Lodge.

The Lodge has since elected Bro. Husband Wor. Master, and I only trust that he will follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Lodge in June last.

On the 27th December last a new set of officers were duly installed. Judging from their wise selection I cannot help but predict for them a most prosperous and fraternal future than that which has characterized them for many years past. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Macdonell, has an engaging and courteous manner of receiving visitors, and each of his officers vie with each other in showing little acts of kindness to all visiting brethren.

On the 7th November last I made it my duty to visit Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, G. R. C., Ottawa. There were present

65 members of the Craft, 40 of which were visitors, leaving 25 members of the Lodge present. This is considered an excellent attendance. This Lodge is in a good financial condition and has a large membership of worthy brethren, who are charitable when necessity requires it to aid the poor and destitute in the time of need. The work of the Lodge is executed as well as can be expected. The Lodge has elected one of its old Past Masters to preside over them this year. He is truly a good and true Mason, and is at the present time the Junior Deacon of Grand Lodge. I had the pleasure of installing him into the chair of King Solomon on the 25th day of this present month, June, and I only hope that prosperity may attend him in the discharge of his duties as Master of the Lodge. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

On the 24th November last I visited officially Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371. G. R. C., Ottawa.

About seventy brethren were present, W. Bro. Close was then the presiding officer. He is an excellent worker, renders the work of the degrees in good style, and has to my knowledge endeavored to conduct all his meetings with care and prudence. On this evening he conferred the first degree and was ably assisted by his officers, who were all in their respective places in the Lodge, excepting the Inner Guard. This Lodge has not been very successful, a good deal of dissension seems to exist regarding the admission of candidates; this may be from good reasons by those who oppose the candidates, therefore it is not wise for me to say anything in the matter, but leave it to the better judgment of those who appear to know what they are doing. I only trust that it is not on any personal grounds, but from pure Masonic principles of what is right and just towards the Lodge and Masonry.

On the 27th December last I installed Worshipful Brother Sims, the then newly elected Worshipful Master, who is a brother of ability and of a kindly disposition, which makes him generally esteemed by the Lodge. His officers are brethren who, I feel sure, will not forsake him in the duties of the Lodge. I wish him, his officers and the Lodge every success.

On the 23rd March last I was present when, after the business of the Lodge had been completed, Worshipful Bro. Sims arose and made a few remarks in regard to the high esteem that the brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge held towards Worshipful Past Master Close for the able manner in which he had presided over the Lodge, and that the brethren joined with him in presenting Worshipful Past Master Close with a Past Master's jewel. After the worthy brother had been invested

with the distinguishing mark of esteem of the brethren for the services he had rendered the Lodge, Worshipful Brother Close replied with very appropriate remarks, thanking the members for the beautiful token of respect and kindly feelings towards him, and at the same time expressed himself very kindly towards the officers who had assisted him so well in the discharge of his duties as Master of the Lodge, and only hoped that he would be of as good service to the present W. M., after which the third degree was conferred by Wor. Bros. Close and Farley ; everything was done in the most pleasant manner ; I think the Lodge will do better this year ; the attendance is very good.

The by-laws were amended and approved by the Grand Master empowering the Lodge to initiate a candidate should there be one black ball against him.

On the 19th December last I visited officially Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, G. R. C., Ottawa.

I am sorry to report that the Worshipful Master was not in his place and that the able Secretary, W. P. M. Lightfoot, was detained by illness of his family, thus rendering my official visit incomplete if I had not for a number of years been, I might say, a constant visitor to this and all other Lodges in this city I would not be able to say anything more.

R. W. Bro. Rea, P. D. D. G. M. of this District, was in the chair, therefore I have nothing to say of this evening's proceedings, only that I was received with great kindness.

The Lodge at one time during the year was in a very poor financial condition, and had to resort to various means to keep up its financial standing, which resulted in augmenting the funds of the Lodge, and I am now happy to report that its financial condition is good. Since then they have elected another W. M. to fill the chair, and I had the pleasure of installing him and all his officers on the evening of the 19th of June of this present year, 1894

On the 17th day of May last this Lodge held an "At Home" for the purpose of creating a more friendly feeling among the brethren and their families. A large number of Masons, their wives and daughters, were present, and spent a pleasant evening. Bro. Sir James Grant gave a very excellent address to those who were present as to the great good Masonry was doing and its many good qualities, after which all returned to their respective homes.

On the 26th December last I visited officially Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, G. R. C., Ottawa.

I have to report that as the Worshipful Master was not in good health I deemed it advisable for me not to make any

report of this meeting, as I would often see the work and business done in this Lodge at subsequent meetings.

On the night of installation I am sorry to report that the brethren and officers of this Lodge, although the Lodge had re-elected the Worshipful Master to the responsible position for another term, still the members did not see fit to appear, consequently a dispensation had to be obtained from the Grand Master to permit the installation to take place on the 23rd of January last, consequently I installed all the officers of this Lodge on that particular night, after which the first degree was conferred which was done fairly well. I noticed that neither the lecture in the first degree nor the charge was given. I may here say that this is not the only Lodge that neglects this portion of the ceremony. I am of the opinion that when a man pays the fee for entering a Lodge he is entitled to receive all the information that can be given to him by these lectures and charges. If they are no use let Grand Lodge dispense with them.

This Lodge has done well during the past Masonic year, as will be seen by referring to the tabular statement attached to this report. I have considered it not necessary for me to report on any matters that are explained in these statements supplied to me by the several Lodges throughout the District.

I may here say that I do think the W. M. does his best to improve his Lodge ; sometimes he speaks rather sharply, but I do think he is sincere in his work and desires to do what is right and wants others to do the same.

Five dispensations were granted by the Grand Master to the following named Lodges and the D. D. G. M. during the year, viz. :

The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, for excursion 31st July, 1893.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, for an " At Home."

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, for installation of officers.

To the District Deputy Grand Master, authorizing me to heal two brethren

Four dispensations were granted by the D. D. G. M. to attend divine service to the following Lodges :

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, 21st December, 1893.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, 24th June, 1894.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 112, 24th June, 1894.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, 24th June, 1894.

It is impossible for me to report upon the Fraternal Dead during the year, when all the information that I do receive is to be found in the yearly return, which only shows the number of deaths and nothing more, and it is also useless for me to try to complete the yearly tabular statement from 24th June,

1893, to 24th June, 1894, when the Lodges that have been notified more than once by me, have not seen fit to respond to my request.

List of deceased brethren between the 24th June, 1893, and the 24th June, 1894, are as follows :

Dr. McEwen and Arch. Blair, St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place.

Thomas Prentice, Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte.

Donald C. Cameron and Neil D. McCremmon, St. John's Lodge, No. 212, Vankleek Hill.

John Wallace, Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew.

Alex. Short, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa.

G. H. Preston and C. I. Smith, Doric Lodge, No. 58.

Wm. Cherrey and Alex. Stewart, The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa.

No name given, Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa.

John Stewart Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa.

No name given, Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior.

No name given, Evergreen Lodge, No. 209 Lanark.

I cannot close up my report without thanking Rt. Wor. Bro. Klock, P. D. D. G. M., for his many kindnesses extended to me from the date of my election as D. D. G. M., and for his friendly advice as to the difficulties that would likely beset my pathway as D. D. G. M. It certainly has not been a bed of roses.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. W. STEPHEN, D. D. G. M.

Ottawa District, No. 16.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the seventeenth Masonic District.

I have visited all the Lodges in this District except Keystone, No. 412, which I was unable to visit, but from reports I am led to believe that it is in good sound condition, and in every place I was received with the greatest courtesy and fraternal feeling, and I am pleased to say the condition of Masonry in this District is sound.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, has been called to mourn the loss of Bro. C. W. Hamilton.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, has been called to mourn the loss of Bro. Phillip McAllan.

The following is a brief account of my official visits.

Pequouga Lodge, No. 414 : I visited this Lodge on February 1st. The W. M. being absent, R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, P. D. D. G. M., officiated in an able manner. Lodge was opened and closed in the first and second degree, and the third degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. All the officers are well skilled ; the Secretary's and Treasurer's books are neatly and correctly kept. The prospects of the Lodge are bright.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417 : I visited this Lodge on February 2nd. There was a good attendance. The first degree was conferred in a very correct and impressive manner. This Lodge has membership of 62, and has, I think, a bright and prosperous future before it. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are models of neatness. The insurance on the Lodge furniture is \$500.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287 : I visited this Lodge on March 6th. There was no work on hand. The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, the officers showing by the way they have their work up that they are earnest in their work. The Secretary and Treasurer keep the books of the Lodge in good shape. The financial

condition of the Lodge is good. Insurance on Lodge furniture is \$800.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: I visited this Lodge on April 20th. The third degree was conferred in a very correct and impressive manner; the different officers of this Lodge are very well skilled and enthusiastic masons. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are complete and very neatly kept. The financial standing is very good. Insurance \$400.

In conclusion I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of Algoma District for the kind and fraternal manner in which I have been received in every Lodge, and I ask for my successor in office the same measure of kindness.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

RICHARD McNABB, D. D. G. M.,
Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Mem- bership. conf' r'd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing	Prospects of Lodge.	Cap. W. M. Work all degrees	Insurance.
415	Ft. William	Fort William.	65	7	2	6	6	6	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	12	5	17	20	\$20 00	...	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	\$400 00
412	Keystone...	Sault Ste. Marie	93	13	11	13	13	11	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	12	9	21	18	60 00	4	Dec. 27, '93.	Excell'nt	Yes	600 00
417	Keewatin...	Keewatin.....	62	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	13	17	...	16	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	500 00
287	Shumali...	Port Arthur.....	58	8	14	6	7	6	1	1	7	5	...	...	2	13	4	17	16	148 70	52	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Yes	800 00
414	Pequonga...	Rat Portage.....	86	8	4	7	8	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	13	8	21	30	...	45	June 24, '93.	Good.	Yes	500 00

NIPISSING DISTRICT, No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Eighteenth Masonic District.

I have visited all the Lodges composing this District, except Granite Lodge, No. 352, which, owing to its remote location and the difficulties of obtaining access in the winter months and a change in my location since the opening of navigation, have, much to my regret, prevented me from visiting these brethren, though I have had uninterrupted correspondence with them, and, judging from their report, I would believe them to be making favorable progress. My official visits were a source of great pleasure to me and I desire to return thanks to the officers and members for their courteous and Masonic kindness, for their treatment as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master. Harmony prevails throughout the district, during the past year, nothing out of the ordinary having occurred to mar their prosperity or interfere with their peaceful pursuits of Masonry. All have made reasonable additions to their membership and give fair promise of increased usefulness to the Craft..

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On December 27th last, by invitation, I visited Nippissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay, and was well received. I installed the officers. The attendance was very good considering the fact that a large per cent. of the members are railway employees, and that they are busiest during the winter months. It was my pleasing duty to place in the chair, W. Bro. John F. Lovell, than whom no Lodge possesses a more enthusiastic and devoted mason, and I feel confident that this Lodge, the largest in the district, will continue to make rapid progress under his direction. He is ably sustained by the other officers and a model Secretary, whose books are a credit to the jurisdiction. They have a membership of ninety, an increase of six during the year. The arrearages of dues has been largely decreased. The Lodge Room is well, neatly and comfortably furnished, and the Lodge nearly free from debt.

With a careful eye to economy they bid fair to stand at the top in the near future, for they well deserve it.

Strong Lodge, No. 423 : In March last I visited this Lodge and regret to report that I then found little or no improvement in the condition of things except a slight increase in membership. During the year I have carefully watched the progress of the Lodge, and rendered it every encouragement and assistance that I possibly could, consistent with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. Early in the year a petition, signed by the S. W., J. W., Secretary, and nearly half the members of Strong Lodge, was forwarded to me for my recommendation to the M. W. the Grand Master, asking for a dispensation for a new Lodge at Burke's Falls, setting forth in glowing terms the prospects and possibilities of this proposed new Lodge. When I reflected what an injurious effect the establishment of a Lodge at Burke's Falls would have upon Strong Lodge at Sundridge, the two places being in close proximity, and the population of the District sparse and widely scattered, and that, moreover, the establishment of new Lodges in occupied territory was contrary to the policy of the Grand Lodge, I withheld my recommendation from the petition, and so informed the M. W. the Grand Master. I was directed by him to correspond with the petitioners and the Lodge with the view of transferring the warrant from Sundridge to Burke's Falls, but up to the present no replies have been received. I was in hope that I might be able to pay a second visit to Strong Lodge, but was prevented by removal from the District. Accordingly I requested R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, P. D. D. G. M., to act on my behalf. He visited the Lodge on June 28th, and writes me to say that there is a great improvement in the Lodge work ; that harmony and good feeling prevail among the brethren ; and that a strong effort is being made to make the Lodge a success.

In April last I visited Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge. Was courteously received, and found them in a comfortable well-furnished Lodge Room, with every evidence of harmony and prosperity. The officers are well up in their work, and their business is transacted with neatness and despatch. When I inform you that the Secretary is my very able predecessor, R. W. Bro. Huber, P. D. D. G. M., you will not wonder that these things are so, for his experience and ability and his Masonic zeal are unquestioned. They have a membership of 42, an increase of 2 ; have held 13 regular meetings ; have not conferred many degrees ; have dispensed \$20 in relief ; have assets of \$650, and insurance of \$300. The collection of dues is well looked after as they have only \$65.25

outstanding. All these things I deem highly creditable to officers and members alike.

In the same month I visited Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, and found them doing well. The Lodge Room and furniture are good ; the books well and neatly kept ; the officers well up in the work. They have 39 members, a slight increase over last year. I was kindly received and spent a pleasureable, and I hope profitable evening with them. Insurance \$500. Everything seems to bid fair for a useful and prosperous career for this Lodge.

In the same month I visited Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville, and found them making favorable progress. They have a suitable Lodge Room comfortably furnished, and the officers appear diligent and anxious to be a credit to the Craft and to promote peace and harmony. As a result more business-like methods have been adopted. They have in Bro. J. E. Fisher, a good and efficient Secretary, and their former differences are disappearing, which, I believe, largely accounts for their present more prosperous state. A destructive fire during the month of April last, destroyed nearly the entire village, but fortunately the Lodge Room escaped. I had a request from the brethren asking whether other secret and friendly societies might be allowed to occupy, temporarily, the same quarters. To this, I was obliged to reply, that while I admired the generosity and charitable feeling of the brethren making the inquiry, I was bound to observe the Constitutions of Grand Lodge in that behalf, and that such privileges were forbidden, for very good reasons.

They have a membership of fifty-six, an increase of eight during the year ; have held twelve regular and two emergent meetings, at which the attendance averaged $14\frac{1}{2}$. Their averages of dues has been greatly reduced from \$128.75 in April to \$103.00 in June. I feel bound to state that this Lodge bids fair to become one of the foremost in the district, situated as it is in the midst of a farming community and in an enterprising village.

I also, in the same month, visited Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury, and found them sustaining in full their well-merited reputation. Their Lodge Room and appointments are second to none in the District, and the zeal and efficiency of the officers are ably sustained. Their Lodge has increased her membership by ten during the past year, conferred a larger number of degrees and held the greatest number of meetings, twelve regular and three emergent, fifteen in all, than any other Lodge in this District. Judging from present indications this Lodge bids fair, at no very distant date, to lead the District.

The interest of the officers and members continues unabated. Their business is conducted with a regularity and precision that is exemplary, and the degrees are conferred intelligently and impressively, showing the conversancy of the officers with the subject matter, and a laudable determination in all respects to excel. The talented Secretary merits special mention for the neatness and ability in which his books are kept, the result of method from the commencement of the Lodge's existence. I cannot speak in terms of praise too warmly of their accomplishments, and sincerely trust they will never allow their well earned laurels to trail in the dust, but will go on to the achievement of the perfect. Members 71; one death; insurance, \$350.00.

DISPENSATIONS.

I issued a dispensation Dec. 27th last to Nickel Lodge, No. 427, to attend a ball and banquet in Mason's regalia.

I also issued dispensations to the following Lodges to attend Divine Service, June 24th, 1894, clothed as Masons:

Nipissing Lodge, 420, North Bay.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury.

Golden Rule, No. 409, Gravenhurst.

The fees for same I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

In conclusion, I desire to return my heartfelt thanks to the representatives of the various Lodges of the district for their unanimity in my election, to the officers and members of the several Lodges for their courteous treatment of me, and to the several Grand Officers who have so kindly aided me by advice and assistance when called upon, among whom are R. W. Bros. R. A. Klock, P. D. D. G. M., of Ottawa District, Geo. Tait, D. D. G. M., of Toronto District, and many others; nor would I forget to return my thanks to my District Secretary for his readiness and willingness to discharge his duties faithfully and earnestly when called upon.

Before concluding it might be fitting to say that I have not visited the Lodges solely with the view of fault-finding or criticising, except where faults of omission or commission actually existed, and I have always preferred that where I found anything to exist contrary to my interpretation of the law, to correct it there, and if, on the contrary, I found anything praise-worthy, to give them all the encouragement in my power, as I believed it to be their just due.

I can only regret that lack of ability more than of inclination, together with absence from the district for several months past, owing to a complete change of employment, have prevented me from endeavoring to be of more service to the Craft. I have been, and still am, ambitious, and have

received many kindly aids from my Masonic brethren and from Grand Lodge, which prove that ambition laudable, and is my earnest hope (finding that ambition gratified beyond my highest expectation) never to do any thing to sully that reputation, to disgrace a Mason or to reflect discredit upon our noble Order; and if I have committed errors, I trust that the broad mantle of a Mason's charity will cover my faults as freely as I would endeavor to cover those of others.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. BURGESS, D. D. G. M.,
Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Nepping District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1893, to June 24th, 1894.

Number of Lodges.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'r'd			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Aggregate attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.					M. M.											
352	Granite	Parry Sound	56	6	1	4	4	4	1	1	..	13	13	14	\$80 00	6	\$30 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Fair.	Yes	\$300 00	
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	42	2	..	2	1	3	2	1	..	13	13	13	20 00	11	65 25	Dec. 27, '93.	\$650 00	Good.	....	300 00
376	Unity	Huntsville	56	9	..	8	6	3	3	4	..	14	14	14	..	9	103 00	Dec., '93	Good.	Very bet'r	Yes	200 00	
409	Gold'n Rule	Gravenhurst	39	6	..	4	3	6	..	3	..	12	4	16	10 00	..	82 00	..	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00	
420	Nipissing	North Bay	90	6	..	6	6	2	1	3	..	12	12	15	10 00	12	165 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	500 00	
425	Strong	Sundridge	46	..	..	9	7	7	1	..	..	11	11	13	..	6	27 00	Dec. 37, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	250 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury	71	10	..	10	11	4	..	5	..	1	12	15	..	18	60 00	Dec. 27, '93.	Good.	Good.	Yes	350 00	

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board beg to recommend that a Warrant be issued to Hanover Lodge, Hanover, in North Huron District, No. 5, and that it be numbered 432 on the register of Grand Lodge.

The Board have had under consideration a petition for a Warrant for a new lodge to be located at Burk's Falls, in Nipissing District, No. 18, but after a full inquiry into all the facts and conditions, we cannot, under the circumstances, recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, but that the papers in connection with the petition be filed.

There have been no other applications for Warrants this year, and the Board desire to express their satisfaction at such a condition of affairs. With the large number of Lodges already existing under our jurisdiction, it is apparent that the field must be well occupied, and instead of encouraging the organization of new Lodges, it is felt it would be more desirable and in the interest of Masonic work, which we so greatly admire and respect, that in some cases the amalgamation of existing Lodges in close proximity to one another should take place. The Board offer this hint, not in any spirit of dictation, but rather with the view of having the brethren of weak Lodges, who feel the difficulty of keeping their Masonic homes up to the proper standard, take the matter into their consideration and judge whether in some cases it is not possible to make one strong, healthy and flourishing Lodge where two weak and languishing ones already exist.

Fraternally submitted,

L. SECORD,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. Secord, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Warrants be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board beg leave to report.

1st. That they have examined the following duly certified accounts, and recommended the same to the Finance and Audit Committee for payment :

Copp, Clark & Co. (Certificates).....	\$ 290 00
John Eastwood & Co. (Stationery).....	88 09
R. Duncan (Sundries and Binding)	23 80
J. Ross Robertson (Printing Ceremonies)	100 00

\$501 89

2nd. In compliance with Clause 4 of last year's report, adopted by Grand Lodge, the Special Committee of three to whom was delegated the preparation of specifications, the reception of tenders, and the awarding the contract, met at London on November 4th, 1893 (the Grand Secretary also being in attendance), and opened seven tenders for the work demanded by the new specifications, all of which were from responsible firms. The figures of each were very closely scrutinized and compared. The task was one of more than ordinary difficulty, owing to the close figuring of several of the tenderers. The Sub-Committee, after estimating the quantities required by the Grand Secretary, and figuring on each tender accordingly, unanimously recommended that, in their opinion, the interests of Grand Lodge would be best subserved by the acceptance of the tender of the *Spectator Printing Company* of Hamilton for the entire work.

3rd. They also further recommend that the above-mentioned contract continue for the period of five years, viz: from the 1st day of November, 1893, to the 31st day of October, 1898, and that the necessary agreement in conformity therewith be executed by the Grand Secretary on behalf of Grand Lodge, with the successful tenderer.

4th. The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge (such as are deemed prudent to print at this time) in the hands of the members as soon as possible after their submission.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been regularly paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt acknowledged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The Report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in his office.

The total receipts have been.....	\$18,991 15
Expenditure.....	16,478 26

Balance.....	\$ 2,512 89
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The receipts last year were \$21,552.27, leaving a balance against this year of \$2 561.12.

The expenditure last year was \$17,482.03, while this year it is \$16,478.26, leaving a balance in favor of this year of \$1,003.77.

The funds of Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1894, were as follows :

Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Company, London....	\$15,000 00
due 1st January, '95, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ half yearly.	
Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co., Toronto....	10,000 00
due 1st October, '96, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ half yearly.	
Landed Banking & Loan Co., Hamilton.....	5,000 00
due 1st November, '94, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ half yearly.	
Landed Banking & Loan Co., Hamilton.....	10,000 00
due 1st November, '96, $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ half yearly.	
Canada Savings & Loan Co., London.....	5,000 00
due 1st November, '94, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ half yearly.	
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., London.....	5,600 00
due 1st November, '94, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ half yearly.	
London Loan Company, London.....	10,000 00
due 1st November, '94, 5% half yearly.	
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., Toronto....	10,000 00
due 1st November, '95, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ half yearly.	
Owen Sound, Grey & Bruce Savings Co., Owen Sound	5,000 00
due 1st May, '98, 5% half yearly.	

\$75,000 00

Making the investments as follows :

In London.	\$35,000 00
In Hamilton.....	15,000 00
In Toronto.....	20,000 00
In Owen Sound.....	5,000 00
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	8,014 78

\$83,014 78

which represents the balance at the credit of the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$69,402 03
Asylum Fund.....	13,612 75

\$83,014 78

The Board have examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend their payment :

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	\$ 100 00
G. Sec'y, balance of incidentals to May 31st, 1894.	93 94
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals.....	500 00
Subscription to General Masonic Relief Asso'n...	110 00
Grants to Benevolence.....	9,500 00
Expenses re Commission on Moore Lodge, 294...	25 00

\$10,328 94

The Committee on Printing and Supplies having reported that the following accounts are correct, the Board recommend their payment :

Copp, Clark & Co., certificates, etc.....	\$290 00
J. Eastwood & Co., stationery, etc.....	88 09
Robt. Duncan & Co., sundry binding.....	23 80
Toronto Evening Telegram, re ceremonies.....	100 00

\$501 89

Fraternally submitted,

T. SARGANT,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargent, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg to report that they have received 302 applications, which have been dealt with as follows, viz. :

163 applications from private Lodges of which	
161 have been granted, amounting to.....	\$4,920 00
2 applications having been refused.	
139 applications were received through Local	
Boards of Relief, all of which have been	
granted, amounting to.....	3,650 00
By special grants of Grand Lodge—	
To Mrs. Wilson	150 00
To Miss Mary Wilson.....	300 00
To Miss L. M. Harris.....	75 00
To Miss M. H. Harris....	75 00
Special grant to Mrs. W. B. Simpson.....	100 00
Direct grants to Local Boards of Relief.....	215 00
Total grants.....	\$9,385 00
Amount granted in 1893 was.....	\$8,085 00
Increase in 1894.....	1,400 00

Returns have been made by all the Local Boards except Woodstock. Returns from Lodges 88, 136, 255 and 305 alone are wanting, most gratifying state of affairs, showing the care with which Lodges are now observing the rules of the Board on Benevolence.

Of the two applications rejected one was from the widow of an English Mason residing in England, and who never set foot on Canadian soil : while the other was from the widow of a brother who demitted from St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, many years ago, and who now resides in Montreal. Neither of these applicants, in the opinion of the Board, have any claim on this Grand Lodge.

The Board is pleased to report that a widow in Ottawa, who had been a recipient of Grand Lodge funds for some years, a short time ago inherited a small fortune. She at once notified the brethren to have her grant stopped as she no longer required it, at the same time expressing her gratitude to Grand Lodge for their past kindness to her and her children, as well as to the members of Builder's Lodge, Ottawa, for like assistance rendered by them.

Another case worthy of mention is one of a brother who was robbed in Chicago, whilst on his way to the Pacific coast in search of health. After the robbery took place this brother found himself only with sufficient money to enable him to return to Ontario, which he did. The brethren of Mountain Lodge, Thorold, of which he is a member, thereupon kindly purchased for him a railway ticket to return to Riverside, California, whilst the brethren of Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, assisted by some friends in that village, placed \$125 in the same

brother's hands to enable him to proceed westward in search of renewed health.

The Board would again recommend that the second semi-annual payment of each grant not reported upon be dependent upon the enquiry and favorable report of the investigating officer appointed by Grand Lodge.

The Board respectfully recommend for the adoption of Grand Lodge the resolution of the Board of General Purposes authorizing this Committee to make a special grant of \$100.00 towards defraying the expense of the maintenance of Mrs. W. B. Simpson in St. Margaret's Home, Montreal.

The Board desire to express their gratification at being able to report that the lodges and the brethren generally have shown a commendable zeal in preparing carefully and correctly the applications that have been presented for relief. The officers of lodges in every case evidently desire to assist the Committee on Benevolence in every possible way.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. GIBSON,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The laborious task of reviewing the reports of eighteen District Deputy Grand Masters is made pleasant by the thought that our work in the past has been appreciated ; that the many suggestions of improvement offered by us have been acted upon, and that we have been the means of bringing prominently before the notice of not only this Grand Lodge, but of the various Grand Lodges of the world, the self-sacrificing and noble band of workers who represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in the several Districts. In the work of review, we have been obliged to read, digest and summarize the eighteen reports which you have referred to us. We have selected therefrom matters which we consider of sufficient importance to require the attention of Grand Lodge, and have offered such advice and comments as we consider the several cases call for. While our labor has been one of love, we would respectfully point out that our task could be made lighter, and more time given us for review, if the D. D. G. M.'s would comply with the requirements of the Constitution and send in the reports in the proper time. Our frequent complaints have been unheeded. The brethren are determined that we shall toil while they sleep. We must grin and bear it, as we suppose it will be the same to the end of the chapter. Our thanks are, however, due the Grand Secretary for his efforts on our behalf, and in five cases he wrote and telegraphed no less than three times to each delinquent. However, he met with success, as several of the reports have been handed in within the last twelve hours. In previous reports we pointed out the desirability of giving information to Grand Lodge regarding its numerical strength, together with the gains and losses for the year ending 24th June preceding the session. In order to obtain such information we prepared tabulated statements which the Grand Secretary forwarded to the Master of every lodge with instructions to fill in and forward to the D. D. G. M. in ample time to enable him to prepare his report. We are sorry that the neglect of the Masters has again deprived you of the means of acquiring the desired information. In several instances the repeated requests of the D. D. G. M.'s evoked no reply. As we see the absolute necessity of these statements, we suggest that Grand Lodge so amend the Constitution that it shall be obligatory on the W. M.'s to fill in and forward such statement to the D. D. G. M.'s on or before the 26th June in each year. Owing to the conduct of the W. M.'s these majority of statements received are incomplete, but such as they are, they have been of great assistance to us.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

We again congratulate Grand Lodge on the efficient and painstaking work of the D. D. G. M.'s. We have, in former reports, pointed out the sacrifices made and the hardships endured by this noble band of brethren in the performance of their duties. We have shown the distance to be travelled in order to visit the 349 lodges on our roll. Should we then deny the praise to which these brethren are entitled ? Praise and the satisfaction of knowing that they were true to their trust is their only reward, while their devotion to the Grand Lodge is shewn in the prosperity of the Craft. The example set by their

predecessors has not been in vain. The good work done by these brethren is plainly visible in all the Districts, and the present D.D.G.M.'s are manly enough to acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe them. We firmly believe that our system of Masonic government is the only perfect one, and that although all honor and praise is due to our beloved Grand Master for the part he has taken in the year's work, still, his work would be of little avail if he were not surrounded and assisted by his conscientious and hardworking representatives. We may be permitted to depart a little from the strict task of review in order to give you the opinions of other Grand Lodges with respect to our D. D. G. M.'s

Bro. Drummond, of Maine, in his review of Canada refers to the work done by the D. D. G. M.'s, and in speaking of their reports he says :

" They are emphatically reports giving facts and opinions and dealing very little with dissertations or personal matters. It may be thought that a large amount of space is given to these reports, but when it is remembered that a brief account of the condition of almost every Lodge in the jurisdiction is given with facts and figures, it must be admitted that the expense is wisely incurred. We believe that a system of Lodge visitation is absolutely necessary and that the District Deputy system is the best yet devised, and we are beginning to think that our Canadian brethren are working it in a manner not surpassed, if equalled, in any other jurisdiction. These reports enable the Committee to give an exceedingly clear statement of the condition of the Craft, to make the necessary suggestions for the aid of weaker Lodges, and in a word to advise the Grand Lodge intelligently as to what action the good of the Craft requires to be taken. These reports show that the success of the system depends largely upon the Deputies."

Bro. Daniel Neish, of Nova Scotia, says :

" The jurisdiction possesses an admiral staff of D.D.G.M.'s, whose elaborate reports show good and faithful work done in a thorough Masonic spirit. There are several of these model officers; they make conscientious visits to the Lodges, not doling out two minute fractions of time in conning over a few figures in schoolboy fashion, as we have too often seen them do, but putting forth all their energies in behalf of the Craft, and consulting their conscience instead of their stomachs in the performance of their duties. It is not surprising, however, that the Grand Lodge of Canada has such efficient D.D.G.M.'s since these honorable officers are nominated by the representatives of the several Lodges subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Let other Grand Lodges take notice and govern themselves accordingly."

Such is the verdict of our neighbors. We have allowed them to speak for us. We can, however, truthfully say that our D. D. G. M.'s deserve all the praise bestowed upon them. We quote the opinions of the above distinguished brethren in order to point out the sacredness of the trust reposed in you, and that you may be fully alive to the importance of the same. Carelessness and slipshod style of performing your task is easily acquired, and to make matters worse, if not checked by Grand Lodge will be copied by succeeding D. D. G. M.'s, and brethren who court honors without the work and responsibility will be clamoring for the position. We regret that it becomes our duty to report that in Frontenac District only one Lodge has been visited. This is unfortunate on account of the heroic exertions put forth by previous D. D. G. M.'s in order to place the same on a sound basis. Weak and dormant Lodges was the record years ago, but by strict attention, good counsel and advice and amalgamation we were enabled last year to congratulate the D. D. G. M. that not a weak Lodge could be found in the District. Brethren, it is very easy to slide down hill, but it requires greater exertions to reach the summit again. The absence of a D. D. G. M. from a Lodge for the short space of a year will work wonderful changes. We therefore request the new D. D. G. M. to give

immediate attention to all the lodges in the District so that it may regain the proud position it occupied at last Grand Lodge. The present D. D. G. M. is one who has the interests of Masonry at heart. He is an enthusiast in the work, and is held in high esteem by all his brethren. He occupies a prominent position in the House of Commons, and on account of the unusually long session of Parliament his time has been so taken up that not only his Masonic duties but also his business affairs have had to be neglected. He expected Parliament to be prorogued in time to allow him to make his visits. We can therefore exonerate the brother from any blame, but join with him in his regrets on not being able to visit the District. The R. W. Brother has, however, obtained for us statements from eight of the thirteen Lodges by which we are pleased to learn that the eight Lodges are in good condition, and that a slight increase in membership is credited to the District. Similar accidents may be obviated in future by D. D. G. M.'s commencing their official visits early in the year. We regret that the D. D. G. M. of Hamilton District met with an accident which prevented him from visiting two of his lodges, but he wisely deputed the task to the previous D. D. G. M. by whose kindness we are enabled to get full information relating to all the Lodges in the District. We sympathize with the D. D. G. M. of Erie District at the loss which he has sustained through the death of one of his family, in consequence of which five lodges under his charge have not been visited. The work of visiting will not therefore compare favorably with last year as we have twenty Lodges which have not been visited by the D. D. G. M.'s, but three of the twenty were visited by a P. D. D. G. M. at the request of the incumbent of the office, so that we can safely say seventeen Lodges have been neglected. We trust that the reports of next year will show that we have regained our lost prestige. The perusal of the reports will amply repay any brother who desires information concerning our jurisdiction. The efforts put forth by these brethren to bring the Lodges up to the required standard are commendable. Many of them set an example for W. M.'s by taking the chair in the Lodges and conferring the degrees, thereby demonstrating their qualifications as an expert and supervisor of work. We gladly note the continued interest taken in Craft matters by P. D. D. G. M.'s and Past Masters, many of whom accompanied the various D. D. G. M.'s on their visits, assisted in the exemplification of the work, and were even found in many places filling the position of Secretary of the Lodge. This is a good sign, and satisfies us that the Craft must be prosperous in such places. The most favored D. D. G. M. in this respect is the representative of Prince Edward District, who asserts that to the continued interest taken by the Past Masters is to be attributed the success of the District. We cheerfully commend his practice of giving a short address on some Masonic topic at each visit, and of exhorting the brethren to deal kindly with the erring one, and so help him to regain his self-respect and lost status rather than resort to harsh measures. His advice to look up the non-affiliated and bring them back to the fold is worthy of more than passing a notice.

The good example set last year by a D. D. G. M. was adopted by the D. D. G. M.'s of Georgian and Toronto Districts who personally called on the demitted members resident in the localities and reasoned with them, thereby inducing them to affiliate and add strength to the lodges. The D. D. G. M. of North Huron appears to have had his time fully occupied with his duties. He had the satisfaction of healing eight members of a clandestine lodge, one of the very few in our midst.

We have pleasure in noting that the D. D. G. M.'s of St. Clair, London, South Huron, North Huron, Wilson, Wellington, Georgian, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, St. Lawrence and Ottawa completed their tour of visits. Some of the D. D. G. M.'s visited many of the lodges two and three times, while Toronto District is credited with sixty-eight visits.

With the few exceptions mentioned, the above record of work is very gratifying, and the result is shewn in increase in numbers and a decided improvement in lodges reported against as weak and retrograding. We part with the D. D. G. M.'s with sorrow and assure them of the gratitude of the M. W. the G. M. whom they so delighted in serving, and of the Grand Lodge in whose behalf they have laboured.

NEW LODGES.

We are pleased to note the great care exercised by the M. W. the Grand Master in the formation of new lodges. If same care had been exercised in the past, fewer weak and sickly lodges would have been reported and the necessity of amalgamation would not have arisen. Only one dispensation has been issued, viz., Hanover in North Huron. The lodge is planted in the midst of a thriving and promising town and should meet with great success. We desire to call attention to the two lodges which obtained charters last year, viz, Port Elgin 429 and Morevian 431; the former of which bids fair to take first place among the sister lodges, while the latter is doing good work and will be an addition to Masonry in the District.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

We regret to find that our advice of last year has not been heeded. It is unnecessary to again repeat the very strong reasons why Lodges of Instruction should be held. Our former reports point out the necessity for same and the benefits to be derived there from. Some few years ago Lodges of Instruction were held in nearly every District. The last couple of years shew a great falling off in this respect. This year only Erie, North Huron, London and Toronto deemed it necessary to call the Lodges together for instruction. The attendance at those meetings was very large, particularly in Erie and North Huron. A number of Past Grand Lodge officers and Past Masters were in attendance, whose advice and assistance proved invaluable. The Erie D. D. G. M. says: "There is more Masonic knowledge and life imparted at these meetings than can possibly be in the combined Masonic visits of the D. D. G. M. Not only does it put new life into those who attend, but it tends to unite the brethren more closely together." We thoroughly believe that uniformity and correctness in work and procedure cannot be attained without the aid of such meetings. We consider that such gatherings should be held and that the Grand Lodge Officers should grace them with their presence and encourage the good work. We suggest to Grand Lodge an amendment to the Constitution by which it will be compulsory on the D. D. G. M. to hold at least one Lodge of Instruction in each year in his District.

COLLECTION OF DUES.

This has been an undesirable subject for several years past. It was disheartening to notice that our advice and warnings were unheeded. The suicidal policy adopted by business men in matters relating to Lodge affairs was inexplicable. It is well known that a similar policy, if tolerated in business affairs, means bankruptcy. We never could understand why business rules and principles

are inapplicable in a Masonic Lodge. However, we feel rewarded for our exertions as the D. D. G. M.'s have taken the matter in hand and a decided improvement is noticed in a majority of the Districts. We still deem it our duty to press this matter on your notice, and will place before you certain matters to which the D. D. G. M.'s draw our attention. In several Lodges we find that the yearly dues are so small as to prove inadequate for the maintenance of the Lodge. This is a matter clearly within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and we can only point out the disastrous consequences which a continuation of the practice will entail. In the London District the dues in a majority of cases are very low, and arrearages are out of all proportion.

In South Huron, although we find a decided improvement on the question, still there are a few Lodges in debt, but with sufficient dues outstanding to place them in comfortable circumstances. M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on his visits to the several Lodges in the Jurisdiction, gave excellent advice on this subject, which we believe has borne good fruit. Why this great anxiety to carry the names of delinquents on your books? Why not remove them when you have but to stretch forth your hand to accomplish the task? In Ontario District the D. D. G. M. properly points out that in most instances it is not the brethren who are in straitened circumstances who allow their dues to fall behind, but those who are well able to pay if they would. In the former instance he advises considerable indulgence, but in the latter there is no shadow of an excuse and urges the W. M.'s to hew to the line. Such neglect is also unfair to the members who pay regularly to carry on the business of the Lodge. In one instance we find a member in arrears for six years, and during that time the Lodge has paid \$3.00 for such delinquent to Grand Lodge, not counting his share of the costs of printing, stationery and postage. The D. D. G. M., of Wellington District, also gives sound advice on this subject. The advice given by a Grand Master in the neighboring republic is sound and worthy of note. "Lop off the dead branches, cut back the feeble ones, and infuse the whole tree with new life. Practical business principles should apply to Masonic bodies as well as to other organizations."

We have also great faith in the work which can be accomplished by an efficient Secretary, and as an illustration we point to the number of R. W. Brethren and Past Masters who are filling the position of Secretaries in their respective Lodges. They know the baneful effect of arrearages and that the growth of same lessens the membership, and as a consequence their Lodges enjoy the benefit of their observation and experience and are the most prosperous in their respective Districts. We strongly advise other Lodges to have none but efficient Secretaries, even if a salary has to be paid them.

We cannot refrain from noticing that St. Francis 24, Palmer 372, Irving 154, Albion 109, Prince Arthur 228, Kent 274 and Star of the East 422 have not one member in arrears, while North and South Huron, Niagara, Frontenac, Ontario and Nipissing are to be congratulated on the marked improvement in wiping out arrearages of dues.

WEAK LODGES.

For the last four years it has been our good fortune to note that the list of weak and retrograding lodges has been growing smaller. We expressed the gratitude of Grand Lodge to the various D. D. G. M.'s who took such pains in bringing about the happy result. We believe in bestowing praise on the deserving. We find that it acts as

an encouragement to renewed efforts and induces an ambition to attain to greater perfection. We must not, however, forget that the numerous D. D. G. M.'s who, on taking over their District with a clean record of strong and healthy lodges, are also entitled to favorable notice for the constant attention bestowed by them on their several lodges, which has again enabled them to report strength and prosperity. We were compelled to report six weak lodges in Niagara District last year. Apparently the D. D. G. M. has taken the matter in hand, for by his exertions and indefatigable attention there are only two weak lodges reported this year viz., Myrtle 337, which has been reported against for three years. The dues are in arrears for from two to five years. The prospects are very poor. We can only adhere to our former recommendation to amalgamate this lodge with either Welland or Thorold, or surrender the warrant. We suggest to the D. D. G. M. that he effect an amalgamation if possible. McNab 169, formerly reported against, is in a lifeless condition and has been so for some years. Lately, however, there appeared a slight sign of life. It is trusted that the new officers will work a change for the better. We will look for a report on this lodge next year.

In Georgian District, Seven Star 285 is still in a weak condition. The coming D. D. G. M. should give this lodge special attention and relieve the District of weak lodges.

In Ontario District the members of Mount Zion 39 are apathetic. Grand Lodge dues of 1892 are still unpaid. Only four regular and one emergent meetings have been held. It will require strong efforts on the part of the D. D. G. M. to put life and enthusiasm into the members. If he fails the charter should be surrendered.

In Ottawa District we find Plantagenet 186 reported against. The documents and papers of the lodge have been lost. On the occasion of the visit of the D. D. G. M. a quorum could not be obtained to open the lodge. From the surroundings and in the interest of Masonry it would be advisable to remove the Lodge to some other locality.

We cannot find any Lodge in the Toronto District which can be classed as weak, but we deem it our duty to call the attention of the new D. D. G. M. to Georgian 343. The departure of the Master from the village, the want of punctuality in opening the Lodge and lack of despatch in conducting business have caused many of the members who reside in the village to absent themselves. The visit of the D. D. G. M. to the absent members and new officers will, it is trusted, bring about the desired result. It is to be regretted that no election was held last year.

Last year's report showed no weak Lodges in London District. The present D. D. G. M. has made a thorough examination of the affairs of every Lodge in the District and appears not afraid to speak his mind on all occasions. His report teems with good advice, which, if followed, will usher in an era of prosperity. He reports a couple of weak Lodges, and suggests amalgamation in cases where the inevitable result in the near future will be weakness. We find that Middlesex 379 has a membership of 28, many of whom have left the jurisdiction. On the night of the visit of the D. D. G. M. five of the officers were absent. The presence of the Lodge in the District is unnecessary. He likens it to the fifth wheel on a coach. The Secretary is the life of the Lodge, and as there are still some enthusiastic Masons on the roll, we request the D. D. G. M. to effect an amalgamation if possible. There is an apparent want of life in Belmont, 190. The W. M. has removed from the District. Strong efforts should be made to resuscitate it during the coming year.

Warren, 120, cannot be termed weak, still it requires more attention from the W. M. than it receives at the present time.

There appear to be too many Lodges in the District. The field is overcrowded, some of the Lodges are within three miles of one another. Some require thinning out in order that the remainder may gather life and strength. A weak, struggling Lodge does not impress the people of the locality with the importance of Freemasonry. The D. D. G. M. offers as a cure the amalgamation of the following Lodges:

Nilestown, 345, and Merrill, 344.

Moffat, 399, and Belmont, 190.

Prince of Wales, 171, and Cameron, 232.

This advice is worthy of our consideration, as we have noticed the good effect produced by amalgamation in Frontenac District.

In Wilson District the D. D. G. M. suggests the amalgamation of Vienna, 237, and Oriental, 131. These Lodges are only three miles apart. A strong healthy branch of the Craft would be the result. As we gather from the report that the prospects of both Lodges are fair, although the attendance not good, we can do no more than bring these suggestions to the notice of the new D. D. G. M. In Erie District we find Florence, 390, very weak in numbers, and the W. M. has doubts as to continuing in the face of the difficulty of procuring a quorum; there are only four members residing in the village. Encouragement should be given them. We look for a report next year. Last year the returns showed three Lodges retrograding and eleven weak, while this year it is our province to report eight weak Lodges and two retrograding, while in St. Clair, South Huron, North Huron, Wilson, Wellington, Hamilton, Toronto, Prince Edward, Frontenac, St. Lawrence, Algoma and Nipissing Districts no weak Lodges can be found. Grand Lodge has just cause to be proud of the year's work, a record of 349 Lodges with only eight of the same classed as weak.

IMPROVEMENTS.

An energetic and persevering D. D. G. M. can work wonders in a District. Some few years ago a crusade against weak Lodges was inaugurated. Every year recorded the successes achieved. The D. D. G. M.'s showed a determination to clear their Districts of the stain attached to them. In Nipissing District, Strong, 423, was reported against last year. At the time of the visit of the D. D. G. M. no improvement was discernable, notwithstanding the promises made to his predecessor. He found the same lack of harmony in existence. He spoke strongly on the matter, and pointed out that improvement must be shown or a surrender of the charter would be the consequence. At the end of the year he obtained the services of a P. D. D. G. M. who visited the Lodge, and whose letter has been received within the last few days. We note a great improvement in the Lodge, which is a cause of congratulation. The work exhibited was of a creditable nature. A suitable room has been obtained, and fittings are completed will be all that can be desired. The W. M. and officers are now making a strong effort to attain success. Attention and encouragement on the part of the new D. D. G. M. will be of great assistance. This clears the District of weak Lodges.

Victoria 398, of Ontario District, is now on the fair road to strength and prosperity, which change has been brought about by the great exertions of the W. M. and officers.

The D. D. G. M., of Niagara District, entered the fight in the face of great odds, but he succeeded in saving three Lodges. We find

considerable improvement in St George, 15, but the arrearages of dues are still the bane of the Lodge.

St. John's, 35, is showing signs of strength and usefulness, while Enniskillen, 185, has all the dues fairly well paid up and are the owners of a fine hall.

Painstaking efforts have also rewarded the Georgian D. D. G. M. On reading last year's report you will find that the surrender of the warrant of Simcoe, 79, was recommended. The D. D. G. M. succeeded in having an election held and under dispensation installed the officers. The W. M., Bro. R. Broughton, is an enthusiastic Mason, and already the Lodge appears to have taken a new lease of life and good results are looked for.

Manitoba, 236, shows great signs of improvement, but if they desire continued prosperity they must move into new quarters. The lodge room is altogether unsuitable for lodge purposes.

Orillia, 192, has an efficient and painstaking W. M. Their financial difficulties have disappeared, and the lodge has sprung into active and vigorous life. The exertions of the D. D. G. M. are shown in the prosperous condition of the district.

Tudor, 141, of North Huron, claims to have been misrepresented last year. The necessary corrections were made in due time as will appear by the reports.

In St. Lawrence District we have to thank the D. D. G. M. for his persistent efforts on behalf of St. James, 14. There are now great signs of improvement. The excuse given him was the presence of numerous benefit societies. He, however, attributed the weakness to the carelessness of the members, as they did not take sufficient interest in the good work.

St Clair District is at least freed from weak lodges by the removal of Moore, 294, to Courtright, as suggested by us last year. The brethren have provided a beautifully furnished room, and the prospects are that it will become one of the leading lodges in the district. The D. D. G. M. is entitled to credit for the prompt action he took in the matter. St. Clair is now free from weak lodges.

ATTENDANCE.

From a careful perusal of the reports it will be found that on the whole a decided improvement is shown in the attendance of members. This state of affairs can only have been brought about by a proper conception of the aims and objects of the Order and by strict attention to the intellectual wants of the brethren. The various D. D. G. M.'s advance strong reasons for the non-attendance of the members, and offer strong, practical advice, which, if adopted, will prove beneficial. It will not be out of place to draw attention to the remarks of the Ontario D. D. G. M., as we are satisfied that a strict compliance with the same will usher in that era of prosperity so much desired. He advises punctuality in opening. Do not delay it for a larger attendance; use despatch in routine business and work; discourage protracted discussions. The W. M. should keep in close touch with his Secretary, the officer next in importance to himself; keep the Past Masters employed as much as possible in the work; give frequent employment to the subordinate officers as it will induce them to take a keener interest in the work. When talent is available induce brethren to volunteer suitable music, readings, recitations and essays on appropriate subjects. He blames dry and uninteresting proceedings as the cause of non-attendance. The whole subject of attendance is summed up in above

practical advice; it embraces the whole case. We can add nothing to it. Apparently the Brother has been a keen observer.

We believe that to "late hours" can be attributed the non-attendance in several lodges. A short extract from a Masonic journal on this point will amply repay a perusal. It says: "It will naturally damage, if not kill, any Masonic lodge or chapter to commence half-an-hour or more after the time specified for opening. The hour having been announced, the Master has no right to keep the brethren waiting for some laggard. The prompt will conclude that it is useless to waste their time in that way and will soon become careless, so the disease spreads until it is next to impossible to secure a quorum at a reasonable hour. The interest flags and the lodge barely survives. Late openings necessitate late closings, and men whose business require that their faculties shall be active and strong, find out sooner or later that this sort of thing impairs their efficiency, and after a while drop out of the list of regular attendants; they cease to go except on rare occasions. To overcome these impediments the work is "cut short" or hurried which divests it of its impressiveness, and members find no pleasure in it. They wonder where the beauty is, and why they ever saw anything to admire in it."

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

It is a matter of congratulation to notice a continuation of prosperity. We are sorry that the incomplete condition of the tabulated statements prevent us from giving you our numerical strength which Grand Lodge has a right to be acquainted with.

It is gratifying to note the esteem in which our Grand Master is held. His presence in the Districts visited by him and the timely counsel and advice which he tendered has been the means of strengthening the ties which bind the craft together. His great ability, his gentlemanly bearing and kind manner have endeared him to the hearts of all. His memory will live long in the hearts of all the brethren.

With regard to the existence of disputes and differences, the D. D. G. of Hamilton District answers for the whole jurisdiction in the following words. "All Glory to the Most High—None."

Fraternal visits are still exchanged between lodges not only in their own districts but with lodges of other districts, and between our lodges and those of our neighbors to the south of us, thus strengthening the bonds of brotherly love which binds us together. The most noticeable of the international visits were those of Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, to the brethren of Ogdensburg, and of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, St. John's, 209a, London, and the Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, to Zetland Lodge, 326, Toronto, where a magnificent reception was tendered the visitors. The W. M., the Grand Master, with nearly all the Grand Lodge Officers and the D. D. G. M.'s of the various districts, honored the gathering with their presence.

It will be gratifying to Grand Lodge to learn that the great interest which M. W. Bro. D. Spry takes in Masonry is not confined to any particular locality; although our brethren of the North have lost him from their midst, it will please them to hear the opinion expressed of him in his new field of labor in the west. The London D. D. G. M. says that "there is a general feeling of satisfaction all over the district at having Brother Spry in our midst. It is anticipated that his guiding hand will ere long be beneficially felt not only in London District, but throughout the Western Jurisdiction." We congratulate the district on such an important accession to their numbers.

A more satisfactory condition of affairs can be given you by quoting from a few of the reports. From Ottawa we learn "that the lodges are working in peace and harmony, or as well as any person could expect from so many men of different minds and temperaments."

North Huron boasts that the lodges are in a flourishing condition, the work being as near perfect as possible. The lodges are ruled by capable and pains-taking Masters who have the support of the Past Masters and officers of their respective lodges. The D. D. G. M. is generous enough to give credit to his predecessors for this happy state of affairs.

South Huron still keeps up its record of strong lodges and capable Masters.

From St. Lawrence comes the intelligence that the condition on the whole is satisfactory. The lodges are in a very prosperous condition and the prospects are bright for the future. Increased interest has been taken by some of the lodges which formerly languished and a hearty spirit now prevails.

St. Clair is steadily increasing in prosperity. Georgian, which formerly boasted of weak lodges, has made such strides that never in the history of the district did peace and harmony more generally prevail, never was there more proficient and uniform work done nor a better Masonic spirit exhibited among the brethren. The condition is undeniably good, there being an absence of any disturbing element.

In Niagara the condition is prosperous and harmony prevails.

Perfect harmony exists in Ontario District, and within each lodge there seems to be perfect accord amongst the brethren, anything like personal pique or bickering being almost unknown.

In the new district, Nipissing, we learn that harmony prevails. Nothing has occurred to mar the prosperity or interfere with the peaceful pursuits of Masonry. All the lodges have made reasonable additions to their membership and give fair promise of increased usefulness to the Craft.

In Hamilton District the practice of a wise Masonic charity has assumed the form of a habit among the brethren, and many a free-will offering over and above the routine relief is laid upon the Masonic altar.

In every lodge in Erie District harmony prevails, and with but few exceptions the W. M.'s and officers are well skilled and a credit to the Craft.

We find that the Craft is in a prosperous condition in Wellington District and the lodges, except one or two, have added to their numbers and made substantial progress. No charges or complaints have been made with regard to the conduct of any Mason, and all the lodges are working together in love and harmony.

DISPENSATIONS.

In every district we notice that Dispensations were issued to attend Divine service in Masonic Clothing. We are pleased to notice that the custom has become universal. Of all the organizations in existence we have the best reasons to return thanks to Almighty God for increased prosperity.

We again request the D. D. G. M.'s to peruse carefully the book of Constitution, and there learn their powers with regard to granting dispensations. The powers of the Grand Master have been usurped on some occasions during the year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

This question has again been brought to our notice. It is again

suggested that Grand Lodge take some steps to have the election of officers take place in the month of June. Strong arguments are advanced by the D. D. G. M.'s in favor of the change, and we believe that it would be in the interest of Masonry to bring same about. It will be readily observed that during the term of office of a D. D. G. M. two sets of officers have been elected to govern the lodge. Only one visit, as a rule can be made to each lodge, so that between the visits of two D. D. G. M.'s one set of officers may never have had their work reviewed. As the matter has been brought to your notice for some years it should receive proper consideration.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we express our regrets at being compelled to omit from our review many matters of importance. All questions cannot be dealt with in one report, we have therefore confined ourselves to matters which require immediate notice. In future reports, it may be advisable to enlarge on subjects not touched on this year. Those D. D. G. M.'s who have handed in their reports during the last few hours will no doubt complain of the omission of some matters which they desired to bring before Grand Lodge. These brethren will, however, give credit for the best of intentions at all events, and no desire to overlook or slight them. Our task is now completed. In perusing the reports we have visited the 349 lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. We have followed the M. W. the Grand Master, and the D. D. G. M.'s in their travels over the whole Province and can join with them in congratulations on the increased strength and prosperity of the Craft. The future looks very bright indeed. Let it be our aim to make our lives a practical illustration of the teaching of Freemasonry, and on such a foundation let us raise a superstructure which will be respected and honored by the whole world. It has been well said, "To do good and communicate, is the great mission of Masonry to mankind, and as members of a common brotherhood we should never lose sight of this one great end, and in furtherance of this purpose as individual Masons, do what we can towards its accomplishment."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT:

Once a year, at our Annual Communication, we devote a small portion of the time to the serious subject—"The Fraternal Dead."

What emotions these words awaken, what thoughts these words suggest, what sorrow these words betoken.

Our hearts are stirred with strange emotion, when we recall to memory the faces, the forms, the familiar figures of those who have silently bade us farewell and crossed the deep, dark river into the unknown land.

Though we may weave words into graceful sentences of consolation, though we may repeat the beautiful ritual of our craft regarding our dead, though we may wrap around their cold forms the glorious promises of everlasting life, there is something unsatisfying in this; there is an overpowering sense of sadness when we think of the absent one from the lodge room, the vacant chair in the family circle, the broken link in the golden chain of friendship.

Oh! ye Fraternal Dead, where are you? We feel that thy spirits are here hovering over us, with messages freighted with love, joy and peace.

Last year the Fraternal Dead of this year were the living examples of true masonic life, and from among those who listen, those who read of the Fraternal Dead of this year, will come the hosts of those whose names will adorn the sad and mournful pages of the proceedings of our Annual Communication, devoted to the commemoration of our departed brethren.

Thus it is that the living of one year are the dead of the next. This should lead us to live without strife; to throw the mantle of charity o'er the form of our brother mason while he is alive, to shield him from abuse, slander and dishonor, to whisper in his ears words of advice and encouragement, before they become deaf to human sounds.

These are a few of the lessons we learn from the consideration of "Our Fraternal Dead."

If we'd thought at our last meeting,
With the friend we loved so dear,
By his grave we'd soon be standing,
Dropping down the silent tear.
Would that word we spoke so lightly
Have been uttered by us then?
Would that in our silent sorrow
We could call it back again.

If we thought that act of kindness
Was the last our friend should seek,
Would we have, by cruel harshness,
Brought the blushes to his cheek?
If we'd thought our heartless folly
Would have left so deep a sore,
Would we then have spoken rudely?
Would we not have hushed it o'er?

If we'd thought! Alas, the sorrows
That the words awaken now;
If we'd thought—ah, then the wrinkles
Would be fewer on the brow.
If we'd thought that death was coming—
Will that be our latest cry?
God forbid! We know he's coming,
Let us think—he draweth nigh.

We shall now briefly mention the names of a few of the brethren who, becoming weary of the toil and strife of life's battle, have laid down to rest.

R. W. Bro. James Greenfield, of Toronto, an able, energetic and experienced craftsman, died in England. He was a regular attendant at our Annual Communications, and his genial manner endeared him to all.

This district also loses R. W. Bro. Marcellus Crombie, Past Grand Junior Warden. At one time he was present annually at Grand Lodge, but of late, owing to advancing years, has not attended.

The Sarnia Craftsmen mourn the loss of V. W. Bro. C. Mole. He took great interest in Lodge work, and his place will be hard to fill.

V. W. Bro. Alex. Bruce, of Guelph, joined the great majority on the 20th April last. His kind, affectionate disposition, combined with an unassuming manner, commanded the respect and admiration of all. His was an example that we could, with great gain, imitate.

St. Mary's brethren are bereft of the services of R. W. Bro. D. S. Rupert. He was devoted to the interests of the Craft, by whom his memory will long be cherished.

Col. S. G. Fairtlough, of the Ancient St. John's Lodge, Kingston, died in Africa. His was an honorable career and his life was a credit to Masonry, and in his death proved that he was loyal to his Queen and his country, which all Masons are taught to be.

Belleville furnished us with an honorable name in the person of V. W. Bro. Alfred Ellis. He was an ardent Mason, bearing the esteem and respect of all with whom he came in contact.

Sister Grand Lodges lose very many valuable members in the persons of R. W. Bros. W. Knox, of G. L. of Connecticut; D. C. Dawkins, of the G. L. of Florida; A. Doty, G. L. of S. Carolina, and J. C. Batchelor, of the G. L. of Louisiana.

We are deprived of the services of these distinguished brethren as our Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodges mentioned.

To the family and friends of the deceased we tender our sincere sympathy, and we recommend that the names of Fraternal Dead be inscribed on the pages of the proceedings of our annual communication set apart for that purpose.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. C. DAVIS,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Fraternal Dead.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

In the matter of J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145 :

It appears that one Bro. Montgomery was initiated into this Lodge and had conferred on him the several degrees without allowing one month to elapse between them, as provided by the constitution :

In spite of the action of Grand Lodge at its regular communication, in an exactly similar case, it is singular that the same error should have been committed this year, and the Board therefore feel that the officers of J. B. Hall Lodge have shown, at least a very careless regard of the plain provisions of the constitution, and recom-

mend that the said Lodge be ordered to procure from the Grand Secretary such dispensation as would have authorized them so to confer the degrees, and that on payment of the usual fees for such dispensation, the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue the usual Grand Lodge certificate.

In the matter of Merrill Lodge, No. 344 :

The regular communication of this Lodge was called in the month of May last, at which their officers should have been elected for the now current year. It appears for some reason sufficient members were not present to hold the Lodge, and that therefore no election took place. On the 19th May the D. D. G. M. of the District received the ordinary summons of the Lodge calling a special meeting, to be held on the 31st May, "for the purpose of election of officers and other business."

Knowing that such election would have been irregular without a dispensation from Grand Lodge, the D. D. G. M., on the 25th May, wrote the Secretary of the Lodge calling his attention to that fact. Notwithstanding this letter, the Lodge proceeded with their election of officers on the 31st May, the first intimation of which the D. D. G. M. appears to have received on the 4th June in the newspapers, and on the same day he again notified the Lodge and asked for particulars. On the 5th June the Secretary wrote the D. D. G. M., saying that the election had taken place on the 31st May, with no further allusion to a dispensation whatever, notwithstanding the fact that the day before he had applied directly to the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, for a dispensation, which was granted on the 5th June, though dated back to the 30th day of May. Not having been informed as to their application for dispensation, the D. D. G. M. wrote the Secretary of the Lodge on the 9th June, forbidding the installation of officers, whom he supposed had been irregularly elected. Taking no notice of the correspondence of the D. D. G. M., the Lodge proceeded to install their officers on the 14th June.

The Board feel that the Lodge being first irregular in the election of their officers, when that irregularity was pointed out to them by their D. D. G. M., acted very discourteously and un-Masonically toward him in ignoring his correspondence and allowing him to remain ignorant of their having applied directly to the Grand Secretary for a dispensation, inasmuch as although perhaps within their strict rights, they must have known their action had the effect of allowing the D. D. G. M. to remain under the impression that they were in defiance of his protest persistently proceeding in contravention of the provisions of the constitution, against which his correspondence must have shown them he was anxious they should avoid, the effect of which was to place the D. D. G. M. in a false and humiliating position in the discharge of his duties.

In the matter of a communication from Fred A. Johnson and others.

The Board beg to report that they have had before them petition signed by a number of colored men, claiming to be members of the Masonic Fraternity, and desiring to affiliate with us. The Board, while they appreciate the spirit in which the communication is tendered, and are thoroughly convinced that the petitioners are men of respectability and are actuated by the most honorable motives, feel that the principle involved in the petition was fully considered by Grand Lodge at the annual communication in 1871, and that they cannot depart from the precedent then laid down, namely, that any

application for admission to our privileges by those referred to in the said petition must be made by the personal application of each candidate in accordance with the provisions of our Constitution.

In the matter of uniform rules as to jurisdiction over candidates :

A portion of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master has been referred to your Board, respecting the jurisdiction which Grand Lodge should retain over candidates who may have applied for admission and have been rejected, as well as over Masons who may have been admitted, though not advanced to the degree of a Master Mason, and who may have removed beyond the territorial jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. This question has been one of considerable controversy between different Grand Lodges, chief principle involved being that of perpetual jurisdiction over candidates.

In order to endeavor to arrive at a solution of the matter, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, at their last Annual Communication, adopted certain rules for the guidance of Grand Lodges, a copy of which rules will be found in the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, whereby it is proposed that these rules shall apply to and govern, as between all Grand Lodges that may adopt them, and these rules are now submitted to this Grand Lodge for their consideration.

Your Board feel that these rules are open to objection, not only as violating a principle which has long governed this Grand Lodge, but also as regards to the details by which it is proposed to carry them into effect.

In the first place this Grand Lodge has always discountenanced the idea of perpetual jurisdiction, and has held itself free to accept material into its membership who have a fixed residence here of not less than one year, without respect to the claims of any other Grand Lodge, and, acting on this principle, our Grand Lodge makes no claim on any candidate who may have removed within the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge and as this principle has always been maintained by our Grand Lodge, your Board see now no reason to recede from it.

Your Board further feel that even if it were deemed wise to depart from this principle, these proposed rules are open to unsurmountable difficulties in carrying the idea into effect. For instance, among other things, it is provided by them that in case a rejected candidate should remove to the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, and there apply for admission, that the Lodge receiving his application shall certify the fact to the Lodge by which he was rejected, and if such Lodge "shall not, within six months thereafter, furnish to the Lodge to which such petition is made, the *grounds* upon which such rejection was made," the petition may be proceeded with, etc. This would, in the opinion of your Board, open up a principle which our Grand Lodge has always held to be inviolate, namely, that the reason of an adverse ballot should never be exposed. And then it is further provided by these rules that when such reasons for rejection are given, still the Lodge so receiving the petition shall be the judge of the sufficiency of such reasons, and if they deem them insufficient may still receive and proceed with the petition.

In the opinion of your Board this would have a great tendency to lead to many complicated cases involving the rights and liberties of different Grand Lodges, which would prove a very objectionable feature.

Without further discussing other objections that might be urged against the adoption of these rules, your Board would recommend that Grand Lodge, while appreciating the submission of the proposed

rules for their consideration, sees no good reason for their adoption, and that the same be not adopted by this Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. C. HEGLER,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Jurisprudence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board have had before them the following cases of grievances and appeals which they have gone over and duly considered, the conclusions arrived at being embodied in the following report upon each case as follows:

In the matter of Bro. W. F. Turney and Welland Lodge, No. 36, Font Hill. Restoration.

This case was before your Board at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and the facts stated in the Grand Lodge proceedings at page 279.

The recommendation then made by your Board, that the Grand Secretary obtain all possible information as to the present character and standing of Bro. Turney, has been complied with. Brother Turney has produced letters from three reliable wholesale houses in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, by whom he has been engaged for the last fifteen years, all testifying to his upright character and his strict integrity whilst in their employment, one of which houses he is still with.

Welland Lodge, having become defunct and the Lodge books destroyed by fire, there is nothing to show the wrong-doing alleged against Bro. Turney except the return then made to the Grand Secretary that he was suspended for unmasonic conduct.

The Grand Secretary has made every effort by correspondence with various members of the defunct Lodge and the information gained is not satisfactory, and the worst that is alleged, if proven, not being a heinous offence, and Bro. Turney denying all guilt and stating that he was not made aware at any time of any charge against him in Welland Lodge, your Board recommend that Bro. Turney be restored to good standing in the books of the Grand Lodge.

In the matter of Bro. C. P. Camp and Lodge No. 15, St. Catherines.

Bro. Camp also applies for restoration, and his application and proceedings taken thereupon are reported in last year's Grand Lodge Proceedings, at page 279. Grand Lodge referred the matter to the D. D. G. M. of the 10th Masonic District, to have a copy of the charge and Bro. Camp's reply, if any, sent to the Grand Secretary, and also to endeavor to have the difficulty between St. George's Lodge and Bro. Camp settled.

The D. D. G. M. has made such effort and has failed, but has laid before your Board a statement of alleged facts given by the said Lodge under their seal, which they say sufficiently justify them in

refusing to restore Bro. Camp to good standing in the Lodge and further state that it is only because they do not desire to wound the feelings of some relatives of Bro. Camp, who are respected members of the Craft, that they are keeping matters quiet and ignoring his application for restoration. Your Board are decidedly of the opinion that St. George's Lodge are quite right in refusing to restore Bro. Camp, and your Board recommend that his application to Grand Lodge for restoration be refused.

In the matter of Arkona Lodge, No. 307 *vs* Bro. Nelson George.—This is a charge of adultery, refusing to support his wife and family, and larceny of Lodge funds.

All proceedings upon said complaint appear to have been regular and proper, and Arkona Lodge, by resolution, unanimously resolved that Bro. George be suspended and that Grand Lodge be requested to expell him.

Your Board recommend that Bro. George be summoned to appear at next meeting of Grand Lodge, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for the offences charged.

In the matter of complaint, Irvine Lodge, Elora, *vs* Ivy Lodge, Beamsville—breach of jurisdiction. Irvine Lodge complains that Ivy Lodge, in November, 1892, admitted into their Lodge one George Sinclair, who at the time was, and still is, a resident of and domiciled within the jurisdiction of Irvine Lodge. From the facts disclosed by the correspondence and papers before us, your Board are of opinion that Bro. Sinclair's residence was in Elora when he was made a Mason in Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, although the members of Ivy Lodge at the time thought differently. Your Board, therefore, recommend that Ivy Lodge be requested to pay over to Irvine Lodge \$15 of the initiation fee paid by Bro. Sinclair. Your Board desire to add, in this as in other cases, that the Craft are not to consider the offence of breach of jurisdiction condoned by the payment of a fee.

In the matter of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, *vs* St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto. Prince Edward Lodge complains that St. George's Lodge has refused to proceed with certain charges preferred by Prince Edward Lodge against Bro. J. G. McPherson, a member of St. George's Lodge. Your Board are of opinion the charges are sufficiently definite and serious, and would recommend that St. George's Lodge, No. 367, be directed to proceed forthwith with the trial of Bro. J. G. McPherson upon said charges preferred, giving Prince Edward Lodge due and sufficient notice of all their proceedings in the matter of said trial.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAS. H. BURRITT,

Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro Henry Robertson presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved.—That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

TRUE BLUE LODGE, NO. 98, PLACED IN TORONTO DISTRICT.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. B. Sanders, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Albion, be transferred from the Georgian District, No. 9, to the Toronto District, No. 11.

DISTRICT SEAL.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. B. Sanders,

That each District in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge be provided with a seal for the use of the D. D. G. M. during his term of office.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

TORONTO MASONIC MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That Grand Lodge having heard the application of the Masonic Monument Association, of Toronto, accede to its request, and authorize the issue of a medal to commemorate the Centennial of Freemasonry in the Province of Ontario. In concurring with this request, Grand Lodge desires to express its approval of the complete manner in which, under the auspices of the Masonic Monument Association, and the Past Master's Association, of Toronto, the ceremonies attendant on the celebration were discharged on the 27th December, 1892.

SPECIAL GRANT TO NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, NO. 93.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, and

Resolved.—That a special grant from the fund of Benevolence, of fifty dollars, be made to Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, for the benefit of Bro. R. Farquharson, said grant having been omitted in 1890 as the result of some informality in the returns from said Lodge.

THE ASYLUM FUND.

It was moved by W. Bro. Walter Barwick, seconded by R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, and

Resolved.—That the Board of General Purposes be requested to report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the objects for which the Asylum Fund was formed, and the best means to be adopted for carrying these objects into effect.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The following places were put in nomination for the next Annual Communication :

The Town of Sarnia, by R. W. Bro. D. Armstrong.
 The Town of Owen Sound, by R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd.
 The City of Toronto, by W. Bro. Higginbottom.
 The City of St. Catharines, by W. Bro. Casey.
 The Town of Windsor, by W. Bro. Richardson.
 The Town of Galt, by W. Bro. Oliver.
 The Town of Pembroke, by W. Bro. Walsh.
 The City of Kingston, by W. Bro. Johnson.

Subsequently on motion it was resolved that the next Annual Communication be held at the City of Toronto.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 19th July, at 10.30 o'clock forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 19th July, A. D. 1894.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11 a m.

PRESENT.

THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. The Hon. J. M. Gibson, on the Throne.

GRAND OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Credentials of Representative to this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 349 warranted Lodges on the Grand Register; 201 Lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers; 54 are represented by proxy by their own Past Masters; 38 are represented by proxy by Past Masters of other Lodges; 10 Lodges have Past Masters present, but not as proxies, and 46 Lodges are unrepresented in any way. There are 809 names registered having a total vote of 1,446.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. B. HUNGERFORD,	} Committee.
WILLIAM ROAF,	
T. CLAPPISON,	

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved.—That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board are pleased to see that the Grand Master has, during the past year, been called upon to lay the corner stones of two churches. Such events are proofs of the high esteem in which the Craft is held by those of the outside world whose good opinion is best worth having.

The number of new lodges dedicated during the year again afford gratifying evidence of the material progress of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction.

The visits of the Grand Master to Zetland Lodge, Toronto, Strict Observance Lodge and Temple Lodge, and to the London brethren must have been pleasant social events to all concerned, and productive of much good to the Craft in these several localities. It must be a matter of considerable importance to this Grand Lodge that the Grand Master was able to attend the Masonic Congress in Chicago, in August last. His unanimous election as one of the Vice-Presidents was a distinct honor to this Grand Lodge as well as a personal compliment to the well known ability of our esteemed Grand Master. It is a matter that cannot be too strongly impressed upon the members of Grand Lodge that the conclusions arrived at by the Congress are not binding on this Grand Lodge, as some of them are doubtless open to some objection.

The attention of private lodges should be especially directed to the Grand Master's remarks upon By-laws, and it is to be hoped that the informalities complained of may be remedied in the future.

The Board again expresses their approval of the course adopted by the Grand Master in refraining from publishing his rulings.

It is gratifying to note the continued success of the Masonic Relief Association. The good work it has done and is doing fully justifies this Grand Lodge in continuing its connection with the Association.

The remarks of the Grand Master upon uniform rules as to jurisdiction over candidates have been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence who have fully reported upon the subject.

The Board commend to the officers and members of private lodges the Grand Master's timely words upon lodge work. Every word is fraught with the deepest interest to the intelligent Mason, and it is to be hoped all such will carefully "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the kindly, manly, brotherly advice given under the heading "Lodge Work."

In conclusion, the Grand Master may, in laying down his gavel, be well assured that throughout the length and breadth of this jurisdiction there exists but one feeling, and that is, that no man or Grand Master has endeared himself to his brethren during his years of office more than the Hon. John M. Gibson. That we respect the Grand Master, but love the man. Grand Lodge has ever had reason to be proud of its Grand Masters, and it is not too much to say that none of that illustrious line have been more thoroughly revered or better beloved.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. WHITE,

Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, namely: W. Bros. G. Chrystal, Jas. Vance, A. Hood, J. H. Herring, W. Barwick, W. D. B. Spry, C. Connor, C. A. Kingston, W. P. Chamberlain, Jas. Walmsley, H. B. Callander and W. A. Bangs.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected as office-bearers for the ensuing term, namely:

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C...Pembroke...Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.P...Beamsville...Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Thos. Lester.....Hamilton...Grand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper.....London.....Grand Junior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. J. W. Hodgins..Seaforth....Grand Chaplain.
 M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray... ..Hamilton...Grand Treasurer.
 R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs.....Toronto....Grand Registrar.
 R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.Hamilton...Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,
 Bro. J. H. Pritchard, Toronto, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz:

R.W. Bro. Ernest S. Wigle.....	Windsor.....	Erie	Dis. No. 1
R.W. Bro. W. J. Ward.....	Brighton.....	St. Clair	" 2
R.W. Bro. A. R. Rowat.....	Nilestown....	London	" 3
R.W. Bro. R. H. Collins.....	Exeter.....	South Huron	" 4
R.W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, M.D..	Tara.....	North Huron	" 5
R.W. Bro. W. F. Miles.....	Burford.....	Wilson	" 6
R.W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, M.D.	Grand Valley	Wellington	" 7
R.W. Bro. Thos. McCallum....	Hamilton....	Hamilton	" 8
R.W. Bro. E. C. Roper.....	Orillia.....	Georgian	" 9
R.W. Bro. H. J. Johnston.....	St.Catharines	Niagara	" 10
R.W. Bro. J.A.McGillivray,Q.C.	Uxbridge. ...	Toronto	" 11
R.W. Bro. F. Rae, M.D.....	Oshawa.....	Ontario	" 12
R.W. Bro. John Shaw.....	Stirling.....	P. Edward	" 13
R.W. Bro. John Hewton.....	Kingston.....	Frontenac	" 14
R.W. Bro. J. A. Houston, M.A..	Smith's Falls.	St. Lawrence	" 15
R.W. Bro. E. Abbot Johnson..	L'Orignal....	Ottawa	" 16
R.W. Bro. W. I. Bradley.....	Sault S. Marie	Algoma	" 17
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sacret.....	Huntsville....	Nipissing	" 18

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz :—

- R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll.
- R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Barrie.
- R. W. Bro. L. Secord, M. D., Brantford.
- R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Ottawa.
- R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, London.

Subsequently, the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term, namely :—

- R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto.
- R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, London.
- R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, M. D., Kincardine.
- R. W. Bro. J. E. D'Avignon, Windsor.
- R. W. Bro. J. W. Murton, Hamilton.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives presented their credentials, which were accepted, and the representatives saluted with Grand Honors, namely :

- M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray . . . For the G. L. of New York.
- R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson . . . For the G. L. of Hungary.
- R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford . . For the G. L. of Michigan.
- R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell . . . For the G. L. of New South Wales.
- R. W. Bro. L. Secord For the G. L. of New Zealand.
- R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt . . For the G. L. of South Australia.
- V. W. Bro. R. McKnight . . For the G. L. of Prince Edward Island.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, assisted by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date, the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :

- V. W. Bro. R. Max Dennistoun, Peterboro, Grand Senior Deacon.
- “ H. J. Charles, Aurora, Grand Junior Deacon.
- “ L. W. Shannon, Kingston, Grand Superintendent of Works.
- “ H. McCulla Wright, Alliston, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- “ F. M. Carpenter, Stoney Creek, Assistant Grand Secretary.
- “ W. P. Gundy, Toronto, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- “ E. J. Bristow, Plattsville, Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ W. A. Karn, Woodstock, Grand Organist.
- “ G. M. Aylesworth, Collingwood, Assistant Grand Organist.
- “ A. Hudson, Ottawa, Grand Pursuivant.
- “ S. Cornell, Thedford, Grand Steward.
- “ T. McDougal, Nilestown, Grand Steward.
- “ W. Buchanan, Hensall, Grand Steward.
- “ A. McDonald, Tara, Grand Steward.
- “ Hugh Hamlin, Fergus, Grand Steward.
- “ James Old, Caledonia, Grand Steward.
- “ John Green, Port Dalhousie, Grand Steward.
- “ W. McKeown, Belleville, Grand Steward.
- “ G. H. Weatherhead, Brockville, Grand Steward.
- “ R. McGregor, Fort William, Grand Steward.
- “ James Whitten, Bracebridge, Grand Steward.
- “ J. W. Richardson, Tilbury Centre.
- “ W. H. Macnee, Kingston, Grand Standard Bearer.
- “ L. K. Murton, Oshawa, Grand Standard Bearer.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. J. M. GIBSON.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, and

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. John M. Gibson, in recognition of the exceedingly satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of the high and responsible office of Grand Master during the past two years.

Whereupon the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Committee, namely: M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and R. W. Bros. Wm. Gibson and E. T. Malone.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Committee of Management of the Hamilton Lodges for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 6.30 o'clock p.m., in *ample form*.

Attest:



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1894, AND

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John

No of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara	W. on or b. f. m.	J. G. Rousseau...	W. E. Lyall.....
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday..	W. J. Wilkinson.	John Sutherland
5	Sussex.....	Brockville	3rd Monday ..	Leopold de Carl.	Geo. K. Dewey ..
6	Barton.....	Hamilton	2d Monday.....	T. W. Reynolds..	Geo. E. Mason....
7	Union	Grimsb'y	Th. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Cowan.....	A. C. Cole.....
9	aUnion.....	Napanee	F. on or b. f. m.	W. S. Harrington	R. L. Henry.....
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Frank Reid.....	Wm. P. Kelly.....
11	aMoira	Belleville.....	W. on or b. f. m.	Chas. P. Hunter..	X. McInnes.....
14	aTrue Britons..	Perth	1st Monday ..	D. G. McMartin..	W. A. Moore.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Cathar'n's	Tu. on or b. f. m.	C. G. McGhie....	A. N. Lindsay....
16	aSt. Andrew's ..	Toronto	2nd Tuesday..	John Pearson...	Stanbury Finch
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. H. A. French	A. J. Hewson.....
18	aPrince Edward..	Pictou	Th. on or b. f. m.	Wm. T. Shaw....	H. Welbanks.....
20	aSt. Johns.....	London	2nd Tuesday..	John Robertson	M. D. Dawson....
21	aSt. John's.....	Vanklek Hill	Tu. on or b. f. m.	S. N. Morrison...	John R. Fraser...
22	aKing Solomon's..	Toronto	2d Thursday..	S. Hollingworth	T. D. D. Lloyd...
23	Richmond.....	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b. f. m.	J. E. Clubine....	T. F. McMahon...
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	F. on or b. f. m.	Stewart Hislop..	Stewart Moag....
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday..	Douglas Armour	W. Lloyd Wood ..
26	aOntario	Port Hope ..	3rd Thursday..	Hy. A. Ward.....	W. J. Robertson
27	aStrictObservance	Hamilton	3rd Tuesday..	J. W. Morton.....	W. C. Morton.....
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville ..	W. b. f. m.	A. C. Rutherford	W. H. Bottom....
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b. f. m.	J. H. McMaster..	J. W. Grey.....
30	aComposite.....	Whitby	1st Thursday..	James White.....	Robert Willis....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowman's lle	W. on or b. f. m.	John Percy.....	Josh Pattinson...
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or b. f. m.	R. A. Harrison...	R. W. Jackson...
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday..	J. W. Green.....	W. H. Rynas....
34	aThistle.....	Amherstb'rg	Tu. on or b. f. m.	H. B. Callander..	Richard Elliott...
35	St John's.....	Cayuga	Thurs. a. f. m.	J. G. Carruthers	C. C. Gibson.....
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll	1st Friday	James Vance.....	H. Rowland.....
38	aTrent.....	Trenton	Tuesday b. f. m.	O. H. Bonter.....	R. H. Spence
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin	Tu. on or b. f. m.	C. J. Spence.....	F. Scott.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton	3rd Thursday..	J. B. Turner.....	John E. Riddell
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville	Th. on or b. f. m.	Ed. Allworth....	Geo. Rumble.....
42	aSt. George's.....	London	1st Wednesday	Samuel Baker...	A. Ellis.....
43	King Solomon's...	Woodstock ..	1st Tuesday ..	F. C. Bartlett...	Geo. J. Fraser...
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas ..	1st Thursday..	J. S. Robertson..	L. Slater.....
45	Brant	Brantford.....	2nd Tuesday..	John E. Taylor...	G. H. Golding...
46	aWellington.....	Chatham.....	1st Monday	R. J. Birch.....	Alex. Gregory...
47	aGreat Western..	Windsor	Th. on or b. f. m.	Geo. K. Prowse..	G. T. Wilkie.....
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b. f. m.	A. H. Watson.....	R. T. Gray.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon	F. on or b. f. m.	T. S. Philp.....	D. P. Cory.....
52	aDalhousie.....	Ottawa	1st Tuesday ..	W. G. S. Reynolds	C. S. Scott.....
54	aVoughan.....	Maple	Tu. on or b. f. m.	R. M. Hadwen...	Chas. H. Keffer...
55	aMerrickville.....	Merrickville..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	A. T. Grossett...	Thos. Colbert...
56	aVictoria.....	Sarnia	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Jas. H. Lambert	W. F. B. Colter...
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b. f. m.	Jas. Ashbaugh...	J. F. Senn.....
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	S. A. Luke.....	Chas. A. Abbott
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday....	A. T. Neill.....	D. Robertson...
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	W. on or b. f. m.	John Thompson	W. Galer.....
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place	W. on or b. f. m.	J. D. Taylor.....	J. Rushworth...
64	aKilwinning.....	London	3rd Thursday..	C. W. Davis.....	John Overell....
65	aRehoboth.....	Toronto	1st Thursday..	Fred. Armstrong	W. R. Burrage...
66	aDurham	Newcastle ..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	D. Allin.....	E. Simmons.....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	John H. Hegler...	Wm. Ewart.....
69	aStirling	Stirling	Th. after f. m.	W. Vandervoort	John Shaw.....
72	Alma	Galt	Last Thurs'd'y	A. J. Oliver.....	A. Bisset Thom...
73	aSt. James.....	St. Mary's ..	1st Monday	W. Shand.....	W. J. Gillies....
74	aSt. James.....	Maitland	M. nearest f. m.	Syrenus Cole.....	A. P. Bissell....
75	aSt. John's.....	Toronto	1st Monday ..	J. B. Young.....	Spencer Love...
76	aOxford	Woodstock ..	2d Wednesday	J. Adlum, M.D.	Jas. Hamilton...
77	aFaithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	G. H. M. Baker...	F. L. Somerville
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsonburg...	W. on or b. f. m.	M. A. Hogan.....	L. H. F. Balmain
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford	F. on or b. f. m.	H. S. Broughton	W. Laurence....
81	St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. E. Sawyer...	John Betts.....
82	aSt. John's.....	Paris	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Rich. Thomson..	Frank Smoke....

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31st MAY, 1894.

the Evangelist; all others on that St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n	Deaths.	S. N. L. D.	S. U. M. C.	Expe'd	Rest'd.	Total Memb's	Last Ret'u's.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Dr. Bal.	
2	4	3	2	1	1						38	June '94			23 25
3	7	6	6	1	5	1				1	136	"			77 75
5	4	4	3	1	2	3	3			3	144	"		4 00	103 00
6	4	4	4	3	1	4					312	"		2 09	102 75
7					2	3	7				50	"			30 50
9	4	2	2	4	1	1	1				94	"			47 00
10	4	4	3	2	2	2					70	"	19 25		36 75
11	17	16	19		5	2	6			1	144	"			122 50
14	9	8	7	1	1		2				89	"			50 00
15	3	3	2		2	2	2				88	"	91 50		
16	5	6	10	3	1	4				2	196	"			138 00
17	3	2	1	2	3	1					61	"		50	38 75
18	6	6	6	1	1						151	"			97 25
20	8	9	10	1	2	2	2			3	143	Dec. '93			103 25
21a	2	2	2		2	2	1				44	June '94			44 50
22	9	10	6	4	2	3	2				172	"			122 75
23	1	1	1		2						26	"			17 50
24	7	5	4		1						79	"			69 75
25	14	16	15	3	3	2	3			1	142	"			118 00
26	11	5	2	3	2		1			1	66	"			45 25
27	6	6	6	1	1	1					244	"			144 50
28	2	1	1				5				29	"			18 25
29	2	1	3		3	1					51	"			42 50
30					4		4				76	"			50 00
31	3	2	2		2	3	1				45	"		4 00	24 50
32	2	2	1	3	1					2	65	"	30 50		53 50
33	6	6	4	1						6	88	"			54 50
34	1	1	1		2						38	"			25 00
35	5	3	2	1							35	"			27 25
37	2	2	1								71	"			43 75
38	1	1	1	4		1	5			1	64	"		1 00	48 50
39											28	"			10 00
40	12	15	15	4	2	5					323	"			199 75
41	19	8	7	2	1	2	3			2	83	"			54 50
42	5	4	3		2	2	2			1	105	Dec. '93	28 25		74 50
43	6	7	6	3	1		3				97	June '93			
44	7	4	4	3	2	2	4			2	115	"			80 50
45	4	6	6	3		1	1				109	"			80 00
46	9	11	10	6		1					115	"			84 00
47	7	6	8	2	7	1				4	110	"		10 00	86 50
48	3	3	4		3						95	"		6 00	63 25
50						2					36	Dec. '93	9 50		32 00
52	10	7	6	1	3	1					106	June '94		12 00	112 00
54					1						43	"			25 00
55	2	1					2	1		2	42	"	1 50		21 25
56	3	4	3	3	3	6	3				56	"		2 00	57 00
57	3	2									61	"			39 50
58	10	9	8	2	1	2					94	"			119 50
61	12	12	12	3	4	3	4			2	237	"	69 75		2 00
62	2	1	1	1	1						29	"			19 50
63	5	5	4	2	4	2					92	Dec. '93			62 00
64	9	9	9	3	3					1	150	"	84 25		19 00
65	14	12	5	8	4	1	13				204	June '94			144 25
66	2	1									39	"			31 00
68	1	1	3		1					1	71	"			45 25
69	2										69	Dec. '93			35 25
72	5	3	4	1	4	2					77	June '94	18 50		29 00
73	5	4	3		1	3					69	"	38 00		
74	2	1		1	3		4			2	32	"			38 75
75	7	7	7	5	4	3	6			2	178	"			112 75
76	4	4				2	3				112	"			70 00
77	4	5	6	3	3	1	7				82	"			52 50
78	13	14	14				1				100	"			
79											36	Dec. '89		39 00	10 00
81	1	1	1	1	1					2	71	June '94		4 00	47 25
82	3	5	5	2	2		2			3	53	"			39 75

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1894, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy...	F. on or a.f.m	L. H. Dampier..	A. A. Cockburn..
84	aClinton.....	Clinton.....	F. after f. m.	T. Smallacombe..	T. C. Bruce.....
85	aRising Sun.	Athens.....	Th. on or b.f.m	M. L. Dixon, M.D	Isaac C. Alguire..
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	3rd Tuesday..	Thos Pierdon...	J. W. Johnson...
87	Markham Union...	Markham...	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. Fierheller..	G. E. Reesor....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound..	W. on or b.f.m	Allan Cameron...	J. W. Campbell..
90	aManito.....	Collingwood..	W. on or a.f.m	Matthew Watts..	C. A. Macdonald
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	F. on or b.f.m	C. J. McCallum	Geo. Keyes.....
92	aCatarqui.....	Kingston.....	2d Wednesd'y	Robt. Henry, jr..	D. Callaghan....
93	aNorthern Light...	Kincardine...	1st Wednesd'y	J. C. Cooke.....	R. D. Hall.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley..	2d Tuesday...	W. H. Farr.....	W. M. Berry.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	1st Thursd'y.	John Dickinson..	D. H. MacLaren
97	aSharon.....	Sharon.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	James M. Milne	S. S. Marsh.....
98	True Blue.....	Albion.....	F. on or b.f.m	Robert M. White	Robt. Roberts...
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket...	2d Wednesd'y	Rev. J. Farncomb	D. Roche.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	M. on or b.f.m	J. C. Dixon.....	Wm. Forrest....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterboro'...	W. on or b.f.m	R. M. Dennistoun	A. Stevenson....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	S. Catharines	Last Thursd'y	John Sutherland	John S. Wood...
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. on or a.f.m	James Irwin.....	I. L. Farrington
105	St. Mark's.....	N. Falls S'th.	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. G. Cadham...	J. C. Hull.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	W. on or b.f.m	C. B. Baldwin...	A. D. Muir.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	W. on or b.f.m	E. W. Raney.....	Hy. Poole.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	W. on or b.f.m	James Smiley...	John Ramsay...
109	aAlbion.....	Har'owsmith	F. on or b.f.m	John Farstou...	James Cooke....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	1st Tuesday...	John E. Ryan...	H. H. Wells.....
113	Wilson.....	Waterford...	W. on or b.f.m	D. J. Horning...	J. F. Aitken....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope....	1st Thursday	James Cooper...	T. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville...	Tu. on or b.f.m	T. A. Simpson...	John Astle.....
116	aCassia.....	Thedford.....	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Sutherland	Alex. C. Neilson
118	Union.....	Schomberg...	M. on or b.f.m	Alex. Wilkinson	W. J. Brereton..
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. before f. m	Thos. Spowart...	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Fred Guest, M.D	Frank R. Else...
121	aDoric.....	Brantford...	3d Tuesday...	W. P. Paterson..	W. E. Weeks....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	1st Monday...	M. McKinnon...	Isaac E. Peulon..
123	The Belleville...	Belleville...	1st Thursday.	Arthur Wensley	S. F. Armistead...
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	1st Tuesday...	H. Williams...	F. Bisset.....
126	aGolden Rule....	Cam'bellford	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Clark.....	M. B. Mallory...
127	Frank.....	Frankford...	M. before f. m	N. A. Bonesteel..	C. M. Rowe.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke....	1st Thursday.	J. G. Forgie.....	Herbert Madge..
129	The Rising Sun. 2.	Aurora.....	1st Friday...	Arthur G. Nicol	A. L. Aubin.....
131	aSt. Lawrence...	Southam'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	F. McLennan...	E. H. Lee.....
133	aLebanon Forest..	Exeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	Chas. Sanders...	M. Eacrett.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Sidney Young...	Geo. E. Sitzger..
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville...	W. on or b.f.m	Dr. Oroahyatek'a	John Monkhouse
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. nearest f. m	J. P. McGee.....	J. Patterson....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	2nd Tuesday..	Alex. R. McLean	Jas. McCaw.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	W. on or b.f.m	J. E. Wood.....	H. A. Ambridge.
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. Elliott.....	Wm. Babb.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg...	F. on or b.f.m	W. P. Chamberl'n	S. R. Loucks....
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois.....	Wednes' b.f.m	D. A. McDonell..	Jas. W. Tindale
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford....	1st Thursday.	R. F. Rosberry..	A. E. Neil.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook...	2d Thursday..	Robt. Ruddy...	R. H. Hunter....
146	aPrinae of Wales..	Newburgh...	Wednes' b.f.m	Canfield Shorey.	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	1st Friday.....	David Williams..	Robt. Pol ock...
148	aCivil Service...	Ottawa.....	2d Tuesday...	H. J. Macdonell	E. L. Leary.....
149	aErie.....	Port Dover...	M. on or b.f.m	Henry Faucett...	Lawrence Skey...
151	The Grand River.	Berlin.....	2d Tuesday...	A. J. Lade.....	Henry Wildfong.
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	Th. on or b.f.m	John Campbell..	W. D. Newell, M.D.
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Chris. Hodgins..	C. W. Mulloy...
155	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'...	1st Friday.....	Robt. Logan.....	W. J. Drope.....
156	aYork.....	N. Toronto...	3rd Friday...	Wm. Dun'gan...	G. H. C. Brooke
157	Simpson.....	Newboro'...	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jas. K. Gorrell..	Josh H. Butler...
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs...	Th. on or a.f.m	W. A. Graham...	W. Millar.....
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond...	W. on or b.f.m	G. C. Richardson	Jas. M. Argue...
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth...	Wednes' b.f.m	W. J. Baker.....	A. Bell.....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. F. Miller...	Thos. Brown....

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Rais'd.	Join'd.	With-drawn.	Deaths	N.S. P.D.	S.U. M.C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'nb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
83	4	.....	1	3	3						101	June '94			62 75
84	5	9	7	3	3	3	3				65	"			53 75
85	13	8	9	3	1	1					63	"			48 25
86	6	3	3	3			3				139	"	10 00		125 00
87	4	2	2		4						33	"			14 75
88	2	2	2							1	66	Dec. '92			23 00
90	8	6	9		3		6				94	June '94			72 75
91	7	4	4	2	3	1	4			2	75	"			42 25
92	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	1		1	112	"	28 00		36 50
93	3	3	3		4					1	106	"			68 75
94							7				16	June '92	16 50		18 00
96	9	10	14	3	3	2	5				110	June '94		4 50	79 50
97	1		1			1					51	"	16 75		14 25
98	3	2	2		1					1	55	"			20 25
99	6	5	5	3			1				49	"	28 00		44 75
100	3	2	2	1	1		1			1	77	"		2 00	40 25
101	2	2	1	1	3					1	60	Dec. '93			35 50
103	6	6	5		1	1				1	103	June '94			62 50
104	3	3	2		2	2					88	"			54 25
105	4	4	4							1	59	"		2 00	50 75
106		2			4		8			1	68	"			38 50
107											47	Dec. '93	18 25		39 50
108	4	5	4				3			1	29	June '94			30 00
109	1				1	1	3			1	46	"			30 75
110	6	4	5	1	1	1	4				91	"			67 25
113				1	6		1				62	"		2 00	37 25
114	10	6	4	1		1					72	"			58 50
115	5	3	2		1		4				52	"			32 25
116	1	1	2		4		1				28	"			33 00
118					1						21	"			6 75
119	2	2	1				1				22	"			18 00
120	5	5	4	3	3		1			1	30	"			23 75
121	11	12	11	6	2	2	6				123	"		2 00	92 50
122	8	8	6	3		1					74	"			62 00
123	5	5	8	1	3	2				1	115	"			81 75
125	4	4	4	1							47	"			37 25
126	1	2	3		3						50	"			49 00
127		1	3								63	Dec. '93	86 25		32 00
128	4	3	3	1	1						95	June '94		2 00	53 50
129	2	2		2		1				1	66	"			77 50
131	2	2	3	2			2				40	"			34 50
133	1	1	1	1	3	1	2				69	"	18 75		19 50
135		2	2	1	1	2					56	Dec. '93	30 50		.....
136	7	6	5	2		1					33	June '94			36 25
137	3	2	2	1	4		1			2	56	Dec. '93	31 50		29 50
139				3	2	4				2	68	"			35 50
140	3	6	7	4	5	1	1			1	76	June '94		12 00	61 50
141	1	1	1	1	1		3				67	Dec. '93	2 00		19 50
142	4	2	2				2			2	80	June '94		50	39 50
143	6	6	6			1					57	Dec. '93			47 50
144	10	11	10	4	6					1	88	June '94			57 50
145	3	3	4		1						55	Dec. '93		4 00	118 25
146	2	2	2	3			2				42	June '94			17 25
147	7	7	7			1					65	"		3 00	43 75
148	4	5	4	4	1	2					61	Dec. '93			50 50
149	2	2	2			1	1				51	June '94			40 25
151	8	9	6	1	1						85	"			64 75
153	9	8	8	1	1						66	"		2 00	62 50
154	1	1	1								64	Dec. '93			36 75
155	3	4	7	1	2		5			1	96	June '94			74 75
156	8	6	4		3		6				100	"			89 25
157	3	3	5	1		1					67	"		32 50	37 50
158	9	9	9				8				45	"			54 75
159	3	3	4		1						64	Dec. '93	78 75		.....
161	2	2	4		1	2					69	June '94			41 50
162		4	4		4						39	"			33 00

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1894, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	E. W. Green.....	J. D. Wilson.....
165	aBurlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	W. G. Nelles.....	B. S. Hicks.....
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	Jas. Theobald.....	John McNeilly....
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	A. E. Douglass.....	R. E. Waugh.....
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	Edgar B. McKae...	D. W. McKay.....
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday.....	Rev.J.W.Hodgins...	J. O. Rose.....
171	aPrince of Wales	Iona	F. on or b.f.m	James W. Brown...	Arch. McCallum...
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu.on or b.f.m	Chas. McKay.....	Geo. Roberts.....
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan...	Th.on or b.f.m	F. H. Pearisoll....	Jas. Ryan.....
176	aSpartan	Sparta	M. on or b.f.m	G. H. Haight.....	F. A. Henderson...
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	2d Friday.....	A. W. Hubbard....	Geo. McNeill.....
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b.f.m	J. L. Brown.....	W. M. Veitch.....
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday.....	O. H. Ainsworth...	Wm. Parker.....
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	M. G. Burwell....	D. M. Shute.....
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th.on or b.f.m	Daniel Paterson...	Harry Days.....
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Clarke.....	Joseph Peart.....
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Franklin.....	John Smith.....
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. McMillan....	John Boyd.....
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m	E. C. Roper.....	T. H. Robinson....
193	aScotland	Scotland	M. on or b.f.m	C. L. Merritt.....	A. M. Malcolm....
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	2d Wednesday	Matthew Smith...	Robt. Scott.....
195	aThe Tuscan	London	1st Monday.....	D. J. Batzner.....	R. B. Hungerford...
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2d Monday.....	A. Burwash.....	Geo. H. Hubbell...
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	2d Tuesday.....	John Stautish....	Chas. Astley.....
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m	T. R. Glanvill....	R. O. Kilgour.....
201	aNeeds	Gananoque...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. E. Fales.....	Jas. Hayward.....
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday.....	John M. Spence...	Thos. Godfrey....
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. G. Walker...	Louis Ritz.....
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	W. on or b.f.m	John P. Snider...	R. T. Nicholson...
209a	St. John's	London	1st Friday.....	Chas. A. Kingston...	John Siddons....
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday.....	John H. Wilson...	Alex. Buffam.....
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday.....	John Watts.....	R. Raymond.....
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	M. on or b.f.m	H. W. Weese.....	D. T. Stafford....
216	aHarris	Orangeville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	G. H. Hulse.....	G. Irwin.....
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m	Chas. G. Wood....	G. H. Wilburn....
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2d Monday.....	E. J. Walsh.....	Geo. Wilson.....
219	aCredit	Georgetown..	F. on or b.f.m	C. C. Roe.....	T. J. Wheeler....
220	aZeradatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	M. H. Crosby....	John G. Vicars...
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. McGill.....	W. T. Fish.....
222	aMarmora	Marmora	Tues'd'y b.f.m	R. B. Proutt.....	J. McWilliams....
223	aNorwood	Norwood	Tu.on or b.f.m	Edmond Gear.....	R. A. Scott.....
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th.on or b.f.m	Duncan McEwan...	Jas. Bonthron....
225	aBernard	Listowel	W. on or b.f.m	M. McD. Fleming...	Wm. Bright.....
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m	A. M. Caton.....	Rev. F. T. Dibb...
229	aIonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday.....	W. H. McFadden...	A. Morton.....
230	Kerr	Barrie	4th Monday...	O. H. Lyon.....	Fred. Man.....
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3rd Thursday	H. W. Wilson.....	C. J. Pearson...
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. Jordan.....	Thos. Hockin....
233	aDoric	Park Hill	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. M. Wedd....	Jas. F. Roberts...
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Charles Pye.....	J. H. Dickinson...
235	aAldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	Peter McLaren....	W. R. Keyes.....
236	aManitoba	Cookstown...	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Robinson...	T. S. Patterson...
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or a.f.m	John H. Teall....	Geo. Thornton...
238	Havelock	Watford	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. G. Mitchell....	F. Goodier.....
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m	J. D. Huyck.....	C. W. Huyck.....
242	aMacov	Mallory town	M. on or b.f.m	Ed. Scott.....	R. W. Tennant...
243	aSt George	St. George	Th.on or b.f.m	Daniel Burt.....	L. J. Poole.....
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville.	Th.on or b.f.m	John Stewart....	W. B. Albertson...
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday...	W. S. Percy.....	N. R. Miller.....
249	aCa'edonian	Midland	2d Tuesday.....	Richard Raikes...	T. E. Williamson...
250	Thistle	Embro	Th.on or b.f.m	Andrew Bain....	Wm. Stewart....
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Monday.....	Thos. D. Minnes...	Chas. McCormick...
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls...	Th on or b.f.m	Alex. Fraser.....	H. Preston.....
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2d Thursday...	J. H. Burnie.....	D. V. Hicks.....
256	aFarran's Point	Farran's Pt...	W. on or b.f.m	Chas. S. Ault.....	John M. Cook....
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday...	Geo. H. Thomas...	E. J. Beaumont...

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P.D.	S. U. M.O.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'm'bs	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	2	2	2	1		1					44	Dec. '93		\$2 00	\$32 00
165	2	2	2	1	3	1	4			1	49	June '94	\$10 00		39 25
166	2	2	2			1					62	"	31 00		6 00
168	2	2	2		3		5			2	79	"			53 00
169											36	June '91			
170	4	4	4	3	1	2					75	June '94			58 00
171	2	2	2		2						46	"			35 00
172	3	4	4		1	2					30	"			15 00
174	3	3	1							1	54	"			32 75
176											23	"			16 00
177	8	3	3	6		2					98	"			29 75
178	4	4	4								43	"		4 00	33 75
180	6	4	4		2	1	2				99	"			52 50
181	2	2	2		1	1				2	34	"			22 50
184	5	6	4	2	2						48	"			35 00
185	2	1									25	"	1 00		11 50
186	1	1	1								27	Dec. '93			8 75
190	1	1	1		1		2				21	June '94			12 25
192	5	4	5			2	9			1	102	Dec. '93	31 75		1 00
193	8	8	9								50	June '94			48 25
194	6	7	4		1						92	"			70 25
195	3	5	6	4	2						72	"			73 75
196	6	7	8	2	4	1	1			3	52	"			57 75
197	4	4	3	1	4		1				46	"			37 25
200	5	4	4		4		1			1	45	"	27 00		1 50
201	7	7	7	2	4		8			1	81	"			62 50
203	3	3	3	1			5				46	"	2 00		72 50
205	1	1	1		1						36	"			31 00
207	2	2	2								37	"	1 00		19 50
209a	7	5	3	1	6	2	4			2	169	"			128 25
209											34	Dec. '92			9 00
212				1							35	June '94			17 25
215	4	3	1		3		1			3	52	"	13 50		25 50
216	4	4	2		1					1	118	Dec. '93			94 00
217	1	1	1	1							40	June '94	11 50		16 50
218	6	6	6	2	2	5	6				174	"		8 00	131 25
2 9	4	3	3		1	1					51	Dec. '93	36 75		16 25
220	6	6	5				3				64	June '94			51 75
221	4	4	4	2	2		5			2	64	"			47 75
222	5	3	3		2					1	52	"			36 00
223											15	Dec. '92	15 75		
224	1	2	2			1				1	38	June '94			25 75
225	9	7	8	1	1						81	"			70 00
228	2	2	2		1					1	29	"			23 50
229	6	7	7	1	4		3				69	"			45 25
230	1	1	1		5						86	"	23 00		
231	5	7	3		2		4			1	53	"	32 25		31 00
232	16	16	15	1	9		6				41	Dec. '93	30 50		40 00
233	2	3	3		1	1					46	June '94		4 00	39 00
234	6	5	4								45	"	11 00		22 75
235	4	4	4	7	5	1					47	"		2 00	13 60
236	4	3	4	3	2					1	31	"			25 50
237	3	5	5								41	Dec. '93		4 00	41 00
238	3	3	3	2	1	1					69	June '94		2 00	48 00
239											57	"			30 50
242				1							42	Dec. '93			21 50
243	4	4	3	1	1						57	June '94			33 50
245	2	3	3	1	1	3	1				51	"			37 25
247	11	12	11	2	14	1	2			1	150	"			126 00
249	9	6	6	2			1				41	"	28 00		10 00
250	5	5	6		1						28	"			30 00
253	1	2	1		3		2				70	"			45 50
254	3			5	1						91	"			55 00
255	2	3	3		2						45	Dec. '93		4 00	39 00
256	4	5	5							1	70	June '94			45 75
257	9	9	9				4			1	60	"		2 00	2 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
258	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday...	J. J. Mahoney...	Alex. Cordiner...
260	a Washington	Petrolia	1st Tuesday...	Edwd. Marshall...	D. R. Weir
261	a Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th. on or b.f.m	W. E. Hopkins...	T. M. Whiteside.
262	a Harriston	Harriston	2d Monday...	A. G. Campbell...	John L. Eedy...
263	a Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	J. D. Livingston...	P. W. Campbell.
264	a Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday...	W. A. Bangs...	Jas. Peterkin...
265	a Patterson	Thornhill	Th. on or b.f.m	G. A. Lahgstaff...	Rev. W. W. Bates
266	a Northern Light...	Strayner	Tu. on or b.f.m	Finlay Campbell	W. A. Doner...
267	a Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	John B. Rankin.	David Leckie...
268	a Verulam	Bobcaygeon...	F. on or b.f.m	W. J. Read...	F. Minns...
269	a Brougham Union	Brougham	W. on or a.f.m	S. B. Lynde.....	A. Thomson...
270	a Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday...	F. L. Fowke...	L. K. Murton...
271	a Wellington	Erin	2d Wednesday	Wm. H. Graham.	Jas. Broddy...
272	a Seymour	Ancaster	W. on or b.f.m	Peter Middleton.	Frank Bevan...
274	a Kent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m	Jno. Crooksank...	Chas. Senior...
276	a Teeswater	Teeswater	F. on or b.f.m	Dugald Stewart.	Geo. Allan...
277	a Seymour	P. Dalhousie.	W. on or b.f.m	John A. Graham	Alph. Kelley...
278	a Mystic	Roslin	Thur da' b.f.m	W. E. Gillespie...	J. W. Wilson...
279	a New Hope	Hespler	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. Parkes...	Wm. Jardine...
282	a Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m	W. G. Lumley...	W. J. Erench...
283	a Eureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.	Wm. Kent	W. J. Diamond...
284	a St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jas. Ross	John Shaw...
285	a Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m	A. J. Hunter, M.D	W. S. Elli.....
286	a Wingham	Wingham	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. G. McGregor	J. A. Morton...
287	a Shuniah	Port Arthur...	1st Tuesday...	John J. Jackson	T. J. C. Rodden
289	a Doric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m	D. A. Graham...	P. L. Graham, MD
290	a Leamington	Leamington...	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. A. Piper.....	Wm. Irwin.....
291	a Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m	Jas. Adams	Alfred Jones...
292	a Roberts	Nobleton	W. on or b.f.m	A. Gillies.....	Jas. Cherry, Jr..
293	a T. Roy. Sol. Moth.	Jersal'm Pa...	1st Wednesday	W. H. Kayat...	C. N. Tadors...
294	a Moore	Courtright ..	Th. on or b.f.m	F. B. Wilkinson	Wm. Brown...
295	a Conestogo	Drayton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Theodore Flath.	Wm. Noecker...
296	a Temple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednes...	J. B. McIntyre...	A. J. McGregor...
297	a Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	Chas. H. Belt...	Jos. Beltzer...
299	a Victoria	Centreville...	Th. on or b.f.m	A. B. Carscallen	Alonzo Walker...
300	a Mount Olivet...	Thorndale...	Tu. on or b.f.m	Albert Salmon...	M. N. Wright...
301	a St. David's	St. Thomas...	3rd Thursday.	Wm. Angle.....	R. H. McConnell
303	a Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Jas. B. Tierney...	Jas. Anderson...
304	a Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. D. B. Spry...	C. E. Chantler...
305	a Humber	Weston	W. b. f. m.	W. R. Forsyth...	Joe Barker.....
306	a Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m	John H. Kilmer	Geo. Russell...
307	a Arkona	Akrona	Th. on or b.f.m	B. Batehelor...	A. M. Thoman...
309	a Morning Star...	Smith's Hill.	W. on or b.f.m	J. P. Brown...	John Wilson...
311	a Blackwood	Woodbridge...	F. on or b.f.m	Amos Maynard...	T. A. Agar.....
312	a Pnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	Harvey Morris...	E. E. Parker...
313	a Clementi	Lakefield...	1st Tuesday...	Geo. B. Halliard	R. Q. Dench...
314	a Blair	Palmerston...	F. after f. m...	H. Hyndman, jr.	Wm. Mawhinney
315	a Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday...	J. S. Dewar...	C. H. Peterson...
316	a Doric	Toronto	3d Thursday...	F. Qua.....	J. H. Pirie...
318	a Wilnot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	F. Howell.....	Alf. Kaufman...
319	a Hiram	Hazersville...	Th. on or b.f.m	R. J. Catherwood	T. S. Lindsay...
320	a Chesterville	Chesterville...	M. on or b.f.m	R. M. Smith...	J. G. Gillespie...
321	a Wal'ar	Acton West...	M. on or b.f.m	John Henney...	W. R. Kenney...
322	a North Star	Owen Sound...	W. on or a.f.m	Wm. H. Tucker	J. W. Redfern...
323	a Alvinston	Alvinston...	W. on or b.f.m	Duncan Sinclair	S. W. Newell...
324	a Temple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday...	Thos. Pedler...	E. G. Kittson...
325	a Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m	John Waddel...	Wm. Armstrong
326	a Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday...	Geo. Kappel...	John H. McCabe
327	Th the Hammond...	Wardsville...	3rd Tuesday...	A. A. Munroe...	D. Johnson...
328	a Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	Henry Gough...	H. Thompson...
329	a King Solomon...	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	Joseph Gates...	Robt. Easton...
330	a Corinthian	London East	1st Tuesday...	Joseph Simmons	H. C. Simpson...
331	a Fordwich	Fordwich...	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm. Brown...	A. M. Spence, M.D
332	a Stratford	Stratford...	2nd Monday...	J. A. Macfadden	H. W. Copus...
333	a Prince Arthur...	Flesherton...	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. Carter...	R. J. Sproule...
334	a Prince Arthur...	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m	Ed. Allan, M. D.	Thos. J. Phillips

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Initia'd	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total M'nb's	Last Ret'ns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
258	4	3	2		2	3	3				74	June '94		\$4 00	\$47 00
260	6	5	3		1	2	2				76	"			89 50
261	1	1			1	1	2				19	Dec. '93	11 00		
262	2	2	2				2				46	June '94			65 00
263	5	5	5		3	2	1				61	"			51 00
264	5	3	3								78	Dec. '93	1 00		62 75
265	1		1		1						36	"	5 75		33 50
266	1	1	1								40	June '94			22 25
267	6	6	7	1	4		4			1	58	"			53 00
268	1	1	2		5		2				40	"			32 50
269	3	6	6		2						41	"			45 75
270	2	2	1	1		1	5			1	68	"			49 00
271	4	2	1		2		7				41	"			55 25
272	1	1			1						48	"			32 00
274	10	6	5	1	2			1			54	"			44 00
276	1	1	3		2						28	"			22 00
277	3	3	3			1	3				32	Dec. '93			22 50
278	1	2	1		2						22	June '94			12 50
279	3	5	6								49	June '94			17 50
282			1			4	4				35	"			6 00
283	5	1	2				1				53	"			40 25
284	2	2	4			1					56	Dec. '93			45 75
285	2	2	2	1	1		4				25	June '94		2 00	23 00
286	3	3	3		1	1					46	"			34 00
287	4	6	6	1	5	2	5				97	"			69 75
289	3	1			3					1	51	Dec. '93		1 00	40 25
299	6	3	4	1	2		3				69	June '94		2 00	52 75
291	2	2	1	1	1	1					35	"			19 75
292		1	1		1		1				26	"			16 00
293											30	June '89			
294					2					1	25	June '94			12 75
295	2	2	3		2		1			2	33	Dec. '93	33 75		
296	1	1	1		3	1					52	June '94			31 50
297					1						19	"			9 75
299											43	June '93			16 25
300	2	2	2		1						26	June '94			14 00
302	2	2	4	1	2		14				99	"	29 50		76 00
303	8	8	6								51	"	2 00		33 50
304				4	2		2				21	"			14 75
305	2	2	2	1	2						45	"			43 25
306	1	2	2								43	"			30 00
307	4	4	4	2	3					4	46	"			52 50
309	5	6	6		1					1	52	Dec. '93			46 00
311	1	1		1	2						38	June '94			13 50
312	4	6	8	3	1		3			3	83	"	2 00		81 25
313	4	4	5		2						42	"			39 00
314	2	2	2	1							54	"		2 00	33 25
315											26	June '93			6 50
316	10	7	5	2	4	1	6			3	137	June '94			119 50
318	3	3	7		1						31	"		4 00	38 50
319	3	3	3	1	4		3				30	"			25 25
320	9	8	11	1	2	2					67	"			26 75
321	1	1	1	1	3						26	"			14 00
322	3	3	4	2		1	3				78	"			51 50
323											55	June '93			44 50
324	4	5	6		6	2	5				213	June '94			143 00
325					1	1					42	"			21 75
326	26	22	21	17		1					224	"			170 75
327	2	2	1		1						22	"	1 00		29 00
328							1				24	"			12 75
329	3	4	4		1	1					45	"			36 00
330	4	4	2		1	2					72	"	18 25		41 00
331					2						29	"	4 50		18 75
332	23	21	18	9	2						101	"			86 00
333	7	5	4	1	3		2			1	35	"			1 00
334											21	Dec. '92	53 25		

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS TA 24TH JUNE, 1894. AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	J. G. Crosby	John Murray
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m	Thos. Sowersby	C. B. Bennett
338	aDufferin	Wellandport	Tu. on or b.f.m	D. C. Holmes	J. R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Jas. McFarlane	H. Tolhurst
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. J. Chambers	John McKellar
343	aGeorgina	Sutton	Th. on or b.f.m	T. A. Wilson	F. G. Tremayne
344	aMerrill	Dorch'st rS'n	Th. on or b.f.m	A. Carson	W. H. Shaw
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Th. on or b.f.m	John McDougall	A. R. Rowat
346	aThe Occident	Toronto	3d Wednesday	E. M. Donovan	W. E. Smith
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday	Jas. Beattie	James Philip
348	aGeorgian	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday	W. E. Gillespie	J. J. Buckley
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. W. White	D. Macfarlane
354	aBrock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Foster	John Sharp
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. H. McClung	J. H. Dracass
357	aWaterdown	Waterdown	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. D. Courtney	W. R. Wilson
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	D. J. Donaldson	Wm. Parsons
359	aVictoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	Wm. Walmsley	D. W. McCall
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. W. Bettes	Isaac Huber
361	aWaverley	Gueph	4th Monday	J. A. King	A. E. Lyon
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	C. S. Start	J. F. Smith
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. J. Hagerty	A. R. Houston
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday	E. G. Howse	J. J. Thompson
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday	R. N. Houton	G. G. Hutchison
369	aMim'co	Lambton M.	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. T. Gilmour	A. B. Rice
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or a.f.m	C. N. Mallory	J. H. Moulton
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	S. Simms	W. J. Glover
372	aPalmer	Victoria	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. Spain	A. B. Hurrell
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thursday	Chas. Herne	W. G. Somerville
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m	J. C. Moffat	J. M. Shaw, M.D.
375	aLorne	Omeme	1st Thursday	T. A. McPherson	A. Laidlaw
376	aUnity	Huntsville	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Secret	Jas. E. Fisher
377	aLorne	Snelburne	1st Friday	T. F. Brown	Wm. Collins
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	4th Tuesday	W. J. Wattam	W. Nicbolls
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m	J. Lumsden	J. Nicholson
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday	Hy. Gardener	Geo. Hampton
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday	Thos. Smith	Chas. Smith
383	aHenderson	W. Winchester	1st Tuesday	W. J. Fraser	Robt. Reddick
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday	S. E. Hall	A. T. Middleton
385	aSpry	Beeton	W. on or a.f.m	John Riley	J. R. Croft
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	Th. on or b.f.m	John Templeton	R. McFate
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th. on or b.f.m	Rev. C. J. Young	N. C. Mulvaugh
388	aHenderson	Iderton	M. on or b.f.m	Arch. Fraser	J. Shipley
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	F. J. Pardu	Joseph B. Love
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m	Walter Drew	J. D. McMillan
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	R. W. Youngs	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camlacnie	W. on or b.f.m	S. W. Trusler	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Cheesley	1st Tuesday	Wm. Halliday	Jos. Lawson
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. Scott	E. A. Dundas
395	aParvain	Comber	Th. on or b.f.m	Rev. Geo. Elliott	Robt. Anderson
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. E. Campbell	W. H. Brown
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	Donald Fisher	W. J. Ward
398	aVictoria	Vict'ra Road	W. on or b.f.m	Rev. A. B. Chafee	Alfred Taylor
399	aMoffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	Jacob Keesler	J. J. Jelly
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. S. Davis	Thos. H. Taylor
401	aCraig	Desoronto	1st Tuesday	Geo. W. Wright	Duncan Walker
402	aCentral	Essex Centre	W. on or b.f.m	C. L. Crassweller	Alex. Wallace
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday	Ernest S. Wigle	Jas. C. Guillot
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or a.f.m	C. W. D. Clark	C. R. Jones
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday	John McKay	A. N. Grasswell
406	aThe Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W. on or b.f.m	A. Wilson M. D.	W. Farroncourt
408	aMurray	Beaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. Grant, M. D.	F. S. King
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. Allen	Frank Hornsby
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Thursday	J. S. Hart	A. R. Symons
411	aRodney	Rodney	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm. Morris	Edwin A. Hugill
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie	Tu. on or b.f.m	H. A. Morrow	D. M. Brodie
413	aNaphthali	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu. on or b.f.m	Chas. Clark	W. A. Hutton

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raise'd	Joined	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total M'emb's	Last Retr'n's	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
336	5	3	2	1	1	1					41	June '94	14 75		60 25
337	1	1	1	2		2	3				31	"	8 25		
338	2	2	1			1					20	"	23 20		
339	11	11	10	2	9		11				160	"			128 00
341	5	5	5		4						59	"			32 50
343				1	1					1	27	Dec. '93	32 75		
344	2	3	2	1	1						27	June '94			26 00
345	2	3	3	1	4	1					29	"			17 00
346	8	9	9	3	5	4	9				149	"	1 00		123 00
347	2	2	2		1	1					41	Dec. '93			24 50
348											21	"	39 00		24 75
352	4	4	2	4	1						56	June '94			37 50
354	7	5	2				1				46	"	23 00		4 00
356			1		1	1				1	32	"			36 75
357	4	4	2	3	1					6	41	"			25 50
358	4	4	3								44	"	38 00		14 00
359				2	1	1					34	"			27 25
360	2	1	2	3	2		1				42	"			13 25
361	9	4	5	3		1	3			1	90	"		2 00	26 50
362	2	2	1	1	4		2				44	"			22 75
364				2							31	Dec. '93	26 50		12 00
367	1	5	8	3	11		4	1			124	June '94			114 50
368	8	6	7	5	3						93	"			63 50
369	3	4	2	5	11	1	1			1	62	Dec. '93	1 00		80 00
370	7	5	2			1	4				58	June '94			45 00
371	7	7	7		4	1	3				66	"			48 25
372	1	2			1			1			35	"			26 00
373	3	2	4	1	1	1	1				40	"			74 25
374	1	1	1								26	"			17 50
375	2	2	7								32	"			14 00
376	13	11	14	1	4		4				50	"			55 25
377	8	5	6	1	2	1				1	59	"			66 50
378	16	14	14		1	1	4				68	"	4 00		46 00
379				3							25	Dec. '93			13 50
380	5	5	4	1	1		6				67	"			26 25
382	9	9	8	1		1	6				152	June '94	43 25		119 00
383	3	3	6	1							1	26	"		30 00
384	9	10	8	6	8	3	7			4	149	"			74 25
385					5		1				27	"			16 25
386	5	5	4			1	5				38	"	16 25		4 50
387	4	3	3	2	1	1					25	"			15 00
388	2	2	2		2	1				1	47	"			10 75
389	1				2						49	Dec. '93			25 25
390											21	"			12 75
391	8	6	5	2	1						70	"	9 00		30 50
392	5	4	3		1	2					53	June '94			39 00
393	1	1	2								52	June '93	16 00		
394	1	1			5		1				48	June '94			34 50
395	6	6	7		3					1	41	"			36 25
396	2	3	4	1			4			2	52	"			42 50
397	1	2	3				5				34	Dec. '93			69 50
398											24	June '94			12 00
399	1	1	1		1		2				20	"	2 00		21 75
400	2	3	4	1							89	Dec. '93			62 00
401	5	5	7	1	1						52	June '94			39 50
402	3	3	2		1		6			1	52	"			34 50
403	11	10	9	6		1					81	"	20 00		78 00
404	1	1	3	1	1	1					41	"			20 75
405	6	6	4	1	1						83	"			25 50
406	3	1	1	2	3		5				38	"		25 00	25 00
408	3	2			1						38	June '94			30 00
409	4	3	3	3						1	41	"			25 00
410	8	4	2	2	7		8				60	"	2 00		48 00
411	3	4			1						31	"			12 50
412	14	12	11	2	1	1					91	"			80 25
413	6	4	2		2		3				43	Dec. '94			44 00

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1894, AND

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
414	Pequonga.....	Rat Portage.	1st Wednesd'y	A. Campbell	D. F. Ferguson...
415	aFort William	Fort William	1st Wednesd'y	Jas. McLaren.....	Jos. R. McNabb...
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. M. Taylor	C. W. Bullock...
417	aKeewatin	Keewat'n Mts	1st Friday.....	Andrew Neill ...	R. H. Gilchrist...
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	2nd Tuesday...	M. D. Carther ..	C. A. Switzer.....
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward ..	2nd Monday...	B. F. George	Eugene Phelps...
420	aNipissing	North Bay....	2nd Thursday	John T. Lovell...	Arthur Dunn.....
421	aScott	Grand Valley	W. on or b. f.m	Thos. Moss.....	W. Buchanan....
422	Star of the East ...	Bothwell.....	W. on or b. f. m	M. S. Cassan	Chas. E. Bayley
423	aStrong	Sundridge....	3d Wednesday	B. Wickett	Jno. J. McGeary
424	aDoric	Pickering.....	Th.on or b.f.m	Geo. Kerr.....	R. A. Bunting...
425	aSt. Clair	Pt. Lambton	Tu.on or b.f.m	H. Roebuck.....	W. H. McDonald
426	aStanley	W. Tor. Junc	1st Tuesday....	Henry C. Fowler	John W. Roswell
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	1st Wednesd'y	James A. Orr.....	S. Rondeau.....
428	Fidelity	Port Perry....	F. on or b. f. m	A. J. Davis	J. H. Brown.....
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin....	Th.on or b.f.m	J. T. Lillie	W. H. Marrs M.D
430	aAcacia.....	East Toronto	3rd Monday ...	M. P. McMaster	H. A. Giles.....
431	aMoravian	Eden Grove..	F. on or a. f.m	Thos. Pinkerton	W. C. Morrison
432	Hanover	Hanover.....	F. on or b. f.m	Arch'd B. Taylor.	Jno. Sutherland.

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'd	Ret'd.	Total Memb's	Last Retr'n's	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
414	6	7	5	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	86	June '94	.....	.....	\$59 50
415	5	4	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	"	.....	2 00	59 25
416	2	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	"	.....	.....	41 00
417	1	2	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	"	.....	.....	48 25
418	6	8	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	54	Dec. '93	.....	.....	56 75
419	3	3	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	June '94	.....	.....	41 75
420	4	6	8	2	4	.....	10	.....	.....	1	80	"	.....	.....	63 00
421	3	2	2	1	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	34	"	.....	.....	23 75
422	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	"	.....	.....	27 25
423	6	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	Dec. '93	2 50	.....	11 25
424	1	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	June '94	.....	.....	30 25
425	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	Dec. '93	2 00	.....	25 50
426	13	13	14	2	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	76	June '94	.....	16 00	73 75
427	13	7	6	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	Dec. '93	.....	.....	124 75
428	3	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	June '94	.....	.....	28 50
429	3	3	3	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	"	.....	.....	59 50
430	9	9	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	"	.....	.....	37 50
431	6	5	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	"	.....	.....	37 75
432	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	"	.....	.....	20 00
												Intere't	Gen'ral	Fund...	3154 15
												"	Asy'um	"	430 50
												Sun'ri's	.....	.....	295 75
1417	1319	1262	362	564	212	503	5	.....	.....	143	22530	.....	1502 50	291 00	18991 15

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. S. Wigle, Windsor.

No. 34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 336, Highgate.....	Highgate
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 395, Parvain.....	Comber
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 402, Central.....	Essex Centre
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. J. Ward, Brigden.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 321, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burnus.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Cambridge
" 194, Petrolia.....	Petrolia	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Paint Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolia	" 425, St. Clair.....	Port Lambton
" 261, Forest.....	Forest		

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3. (27.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. R. Rowat, Nilestown.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Llanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Iona	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 176, Spartan.....	Sparta	" 380, Union.....	London
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 209a, St. John's.....	London	" 399, Moffatt.....	Harrietsville
" 230, Cameron.....	Dutton		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. H. Collins, Exeter.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 205, New Domini'n.....	New Hamb'g
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 324, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 233, Doric.....	Park Hill
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth		

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, M. D., Tara.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 286, Wingham.....	Wingham
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 396, Cedar.....	Warton
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover

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WILSON DISTRICT, No. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. F. Miles, Burford.

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Plattsville.....	Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tiltsburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 369, Vittoria.....	Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, M.D., Grand Valley.

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 297, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 303, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
" 257, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thos. McCallum, Hamilton.

No. 6, Bar'on.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Brimbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Aston West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Watertown.....	Watertown
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9. (18.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. C. Roper, Orillia.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 249, Caledonia.....	Midland
" 88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 266, Northern Light.....	Stayner
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. J. Johnston, St. Catharines.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Anity.....	Dunnville	" 286, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 310, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....	Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Victoria
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone.....	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....	York		

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 11. (39.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John A. McGillivray, Q. C., Uxbridge.

No. 16, St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 265, Patterson.....	Thornhill
" 22, King Solomon's.....	Toronto	" 269, Brougham Union.....	Brougham
" 23, Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	" 292, Robertson.....	Nobleton
" 25, Ionic.....	Toronto	" 305, Humber.....	Weston
" 54, Vaughan.....	Maple	" 311, Blackwood.....	Woodbridge
" 65, Reboboam.....	Toronto	" 316, Doric.....	Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....	Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....	Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....	Toronto	" 339, Orient.....	Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....	Markham	" 343, Gorgina.....	Sutton West
" 97, Sharon.....	Sharon	" 346, Occident.....	Toronto
" 99, Tuscan.....	Newmarket	" 354, Brock.....	Cannington
" 118, Union.....	Schomberg	" 356, River Park.....	Streetsville
" 129, The Rising Sun.....	Aurora	" 367, St. George.....	Toronto
" 136, Richardson.....	Stouffville	" 369, Mimico.....	Lambton Mills
" 156, York.....	North Toronto	" 384, Alpha.....	Toronto
" 218, Stevenson.....	Toronto	" 410, Zeta.....	Toronto
" 220, Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	" 424, Doric.....	Pickering
" 229, Ionic.....	Brampton	" 426, Stanley.....	Toronto Junction
" 247, Ashlar.....	Toronto	" 430, Acacia.....	East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. Rae, M. D., Oshawa.

No. 26, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....	Norwood
" 30, Composite.....	Whitby	" 268, Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 270, Cedar.....	Oshawa
" 39, Mount Zion.....	Brooklin	" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 375, Lorne.....	Omemece
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 398, Victoria.....	Victoria Road
" 139, Lebanon.....	Oshawa	" 406, The Spy.....	Fenelon Falls
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 408, Murray.....	Beaverton
" 153, Peterborough.....	Peterborough	" 428, Fidelity.....	Port Perry

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 13. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Shaw, Stirling.

No. 11, Moira.....	Belleville	No. 128, Golden Rule.....	Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....	Cobourg	" 127, Frank.....	Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....	Pictou	" 161, Percy.....	Warkworth
" 29, United.....	Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....	Wellington
" 38, Trent.....	Trenton	" 215, Lake.....	Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....	Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....	Marmora
" 50, Conseccon.....	Conseccon	" 239, Tweed.....	Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....	Stirling	" 278, Mystic.....	Roslin
" 91, Colborne.....	Colborne	" 283, Eureka.....	Belleville
" 123, The Belleville.....	Belleville	" 401, Craig.....	Descronto

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14. (13.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Hewton, Kingston.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....	Kingston	No. 201, Leeds.....	Gananoque
" 9, Union.....	Napinee	" 212, Elysian.....	Garden Island
" 92, Catarqui.....	Kingston	" 228, Prince Arthur.....	Odessa
" 109, Albion.....	Harrowsmith	" 253, Minden.....	Kingston
" 119, Maple Leaf.....	Bath	" 299, Victoria.....	Centreville
" 146, Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	" 404, Lorne.....	Tauworth
" 157, Simpson.....	Newboro'		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. Houston, M. A., Smith's Falls.

No. 5, Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster
" 14, True Britons.....	Perth	" 242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	" 256, Farran's Point.....	Farran's Pt
" 28, Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	" 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	" 368, Salem.....	Brockville
" 74, St. James.....	Maitland	" 370, Harmonv.....	Delta
" 85, Rising Sun.....	Farmersville	" 383, Henderson.....	West Winchester
" 110, Central.....	Prescott	" 387, Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 389, Crpsal Fountain.....	N Augusta
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 416, Lyn.....	Lyn
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville

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OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (17.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. Abbot Johnson, L'Orignal.

No. 21a, St. John's.....Vanleek Hill	No. 177, The Builders'.....Ottawa
" 52, Dalhousie.....Ottawa	" 186, Plantagenet.....Plantagenet
" 58, Doric.....Ottawa	" 196, Madawaska.....Arnprior
" 63, St. John's.....Carleton Place	" 209, Evergreen.....Lanark
" 122, Renfrew.....Renfrew	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....Pembroke	" 264, Chaudiere.....Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi.....Almonte	" 371, Prince of Wales.....Ottawa
" 148, Civil Service.....Ottawa	" 405, Mattawa.....Mattawa
" 159, Goodwood.....Richmond	

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (5.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. I. Bradley, Sault Ste. Marie.

No. 287, Shuniah.....Port Arthur	No. 415, Fort William.....Fort William
" 412, Key Stone.....Sault Ste Marie	" 417, Keewatin.....Keewatin Mills
" 114, Pequonga.....Rat Portage	

NIPPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (7.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas Sacret, Huntsville.

No. 352, Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 420, Nipissing.....North Bay
" 360, Muskoka.....Bracebridge	" 423, Strong.....Sundridge
" 376, Unity.....Huntsville	" 427, Nickel.....Sudbury
" 409, Golden Rule.....Gravenhurst	

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT

No. 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusalem, Palestine.

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1.....	22 Lodges
St. Clair	" " 2.....	19 "
London	" " 3.....	27 "
South Huron	" " 4.....	15 "
North Huron	" " 5.....	18 "
Wilson	" " 6.....	21 "
Wellington	" " 7.....	21 "
Hamilton	" " 8.....	21 "
Georgian	" " 9.....	18 "
Niagara	" " 10.....	21 "
Toronto	" " 11.....	39 "
Ontario	" " 12.....	22 "
Prince Edward	" " 13.....	20 "
Frotenac	" " 14.....	13 "
St. Lawrence	" " 15.....	22 "
Ottawa	" " 16.....	17 "
Algoma	" " 17.....	5 "
Nipissing	" " 18.....	7 "
Unattached.....		1 "
Total.....		349

SUSPENSIONS FOR U. M. C., 1893-'94.

No. 55—T. M. Whitmarch. 92—Thos. Paddon. 274—C. Vah Velsor. 367—Robt. Hodgins, suspended for three years. 372—Geo. Dennaflower.

SUSPENSIONS FOR N. P. D., 1893-'94.

5—N. N. Vandusen, F. C. Lalonde, J. E. Brouse. 7—C. W. Kitchen, Robert Henry, E. A. Morse, H. J. Minbineck, H. McKenzie, A. Robertson, H. E. Russ, 11—T. C. Lazier, E. P. Printnell, T. N. Young, A. G. Robinson, C. A. Munson. H. Wimperly. 14—Thomas Allan, James H. Wilson. 20—William Gerry, R. F. Wilson. 21a—W. S. Boyd. 22—I. F. Woodworth, T. A. B. Sinclair. 24—C. R. Bramley, William Sherman, A. E. Eastman. 25—H. E. Hersteman. 25—H. E. Hersteman, G. R. Watson, P. W. Mitchell. 26—John Grimison. 28—A. Blackburn, I. J. Taylor, T. A. Elliott, T. McKercher, D. McKercher. 30—W. Caverly, M. O'Donovan, John Smith, W. S. Wescott. 31—John Wesley. 38—Robt. Sansom, T. McRae, T. German, C. Scott, J. Brooks. 41—B. Alexander, J. A. Malott, A. Orton. 42—D. Dodd, R. F. Kingsmill. 43—E. Chambers,

H. Lower, F. G. Bell. 44—J. W. Close, R. Sanders, R. R. Hair, W. J. Robb. 45—A. E. Gummage. 54—A. McFayden, A. Cousins. 55—H. C. Cornell, Thos. Boyd. 56—Jno. Kelly, Wm. Farr, P. D. Lennan. 61—J. W. Brown, Hugh Brown, W. E. Robson, Jos. Clarke. 65—A. D. Andrews, G. Hemmingway, A. McMulholland, J. C. Campbell, Robt. Harrison, G. B. Badgley, Chas. Heys, C. Larsen, C. Newman, W. C. Thornloe, J. Renwick, J. B. Shate, J. Webster. 74—A. Burrett, A. Levia, R. C. Henderson, N. Earl. 75—J. H. McCallum, M. Thwaite, Geo. Oliver, F. H. Squires, J. P. Snook, John Fraser. 76—G. R. Lawgood, J. L. Wilson, W. W. Lee. 77—E. C. Clendenan, T. B. Dean, W. J. Farquharson, G. Keats, J. Makins, F. Reeves, Chas. H. Begg. 78—C. E. Lindop. 82—G. H. Cathcart, Robt. Graham. 84—W. B. Robb, H. Thompson, J. McCartney. 86—Wm. Calver, E. P. McNeill, John Coulter. 90—Jos. B. Sherwin, O. Olmstead, W. A. Peter, J. L. Cox, I. French, G. H. Rowe. 91—Jas. F. Banta, H. Smedley, J. J. Campbell, A. Gould. 92—B. A. Booth, R. Newlands. 94—Jno. Ellison, W. H. Edgcombe, H. I. Coss, W. Brownell, A. Hepburn, Arch. Morrison, L. G. Jarvis. 96—R. R. Holt, John Powell, Geo. Lennox, F. E. McDowell, T. J. Hammill. 99—Thos. Ratcliffe. 100—E. A. Woodhouse. 106—N. C. McPhail, Jas. E. McCaffray, R. Johnston Hy. Ramsay, Wm. Hayhurst, E. Siple, J. Fish, A. Steedman. 108—L. S. Kennedy, J. F. Goodwin, W. P. Patton. 109—J. J. Leheup, M. Meeks, N. J. Switzer. 110—D. W. Atkins, Wm. Wallace, J. A. Tripp, C. W. Cummings. 113—Jno. F. Bertram. 115—W. J. White, L. Comfort, D. Weir, R. Deane. 116—Geo. Weir. 119—L. H. Armstrong. 120—D. McIntosh. 121—C. K. McGregor, D. P. Leonard, I. Kennedy, G. Hargreaves, G. S. Parks, J. Titmas. 129—Geo. McLeod. 131—Robt. F. Dodds, Geo. McLeod. 133—John Glen, Jr., Ed. Howard, Sr. 137—Amos B. Tait. 139—A. Ruttan, J. W. Ray, Wm. Hay, J. W. Patte. 140—T. L. Clive. 141—W. Lehman, Jas. Sills, Jno. T. Wren. 142—W. G. Hodgins, J. E. Howson. 146—G. S. Reynolds, E. A. Connolly. 149—J. Alison. 155—M. R. Kidd, R. J. Kidd, A. F. Tytler, Jas. McAndrew, D. Gamble. 156—E. A. Macdonald, J. A. Macdonald, D. McKinnon, C. A. McKinnon, A. Rayner, W. G. Bee. 58—G. Graham, A. Hinks, Jas. Hazlett, R. Hunter, R. Palmer, G. B. Windover, Jos. Hare, C. McNichol. 165—F. D. Bates, A. Galloway, S. Zimmerman, J. L. McCraney. 168—A. E. Campbell, J. T. Pantton, J. C. Nixon, J. Blackwell, E. H. Bargar. 180—J. T. Brown, F. H. Wilcocks. 190—H. McTavish, J. C. Carrothers. 192—C. Spence, Jno. Adam, M. Robinson, Geo. W. Booth, J. H. Buck, J. H. Vernon, S. S. Robinson, D. McMinn, G. S. Matthews. 196—Geo. Learmouth. 197—Wm. Smythe. 200—M. A. Ferguson. 201—John Waldie, R. T. Rawson, S. F. Greenizan, T. C. Starke, W. Whitney, W. B. Fullerton, H. Auston, A. E. Ormiston. 203—J. Watson, E. Cooney, P. Gerrie, D. Raty, J. Wissler. 209a—O. T. Wardrope, G. McComb. C. A. Screanton, Wm. Tytler. 215—D. N. Morden. 218—F. Jackman, Jno. Patton, T. J. Fitzsimmons, J. C. Porter, T. H. Smith, W. R. Williams. 220—R. R. Hubbard, Alex. Spars, G. W. Johnston. 221—Wm. Bull. Jno. Cloy, Jno. L. Harris, Jno. Fenton, Samuel Howorth. 223—Jno. Woodruff. 223—J. A. Hutton, E. H. Rice, M. Treadgold. 231—Walter Bird, Robt. Brewer, S. T. Scott, W. C. Lee. 232—E. S. Sifton, G. McGill, H. Clay, Neil McLean, Jno. McLean, A. Boulby. 245—R. Fleming. 247—E. L. M. Laine, J. T. Davidson. 249—T. H. Merrill. 253—H. B. Evans, V. G. Hooker. 257—Jno. McLelland, D. Robertson, Jno. R. Vanglin, H. R. T. McMillan. 258—Jas. Howard, T. Simons, Jno. Wood. 260—Jno. McKenzie, A. Murphy. 261—Robt. Stark, Hy. Chesney. 262—W. A. Harvey, Chas. D. Empey. 267—Jas. Martin, J. Carpenter, S. W. White, S. Kearney. 268—Jno. Ellis, Jas. Johnston. 270—T. H. McMillan, R. H. Howard, O. H. Luke, T. H. Everson, A. A. Adamson. 271—J. D. Campbell, R. H. Galbraith, H. Micklin, A. Somerville, A. Murdoch, R. H. Hill, C. A. McRae. 277—M. Henry, J. G. Demare, Wm. Henry. 282—Jas. Grieves, Jno. H. McRae, Jno. L. Charles, Jas. Poole. 283—R. D. C. Hulme. 284—W. A. Coon, W. H. Lockhart, W. Shields. 285—G. C. Clingan, J. A. Henderson, J. G. Sutherland, J. B. Hicks. 287—N. Mathewson, R. McKenzie, D. McPhie, F. Jones, G. R. Thompson. 290—Geo. Dunbar, Jos. Loop, E. R. Hooker. 292—M. McNair. 295—Levi C. Dicks. 302—J. Dennis, J. Copeland, J. M. Conroy, I. Morse, W. H. Morgan, H. Reilly, E. M. Yarwood, W. A. Dier, P. Wadsworth, J. McGregor, S. Austin, A. Watson, J. Kirkpatrick, P. Allen. 304—M. Webb, Jno. Page. 312—S. W. Courtis, E. Blasdel, M. Stewart. 316—Geo. R. Young, W. H. Carter, R. J. License, A. H. Rumble, W. R. Rosentingel, H. C. Symons. 319—Jos. Seymour, Jude Lawson, Jas. Goodwin. 322—J. H. Gimby, H. Durie, T. Rixon. 324—J. B. Blair, W. F. Broughton, W. H. Weston, W. Dewar, F. B. Mosure. 323—Jas. Bennett. 333—W. Ayers, P. McCullough. 337—A. Hamilton, R. Shackleton, E. Furry. 339—J. W. Hunter, A. F. Harrington, R. McFadden, A. Armstrong, S. Ryan, J. Rose, T. Strachan, D. H. Watt, H. T. Walker, G. Williams, J. Carnochran. 346—A. Baldwin, T. D. Bailey, Thos. Hughes, J. Hendry, W. T. Kay, J. Barrett, J. P. Campbell, T. Wasson, J. F. Johnston. 352—Jas. Moffatt. 354—Mark Kay. 360—J. C. Thompson. 361—J. J. Kelso, F. Harley, J. A. Mowat. 332—Duncan McDougald, M. Buckle. 367—R. Milliean, C. H. Newman, R. Barrett, F. H. Thompson. 369—E. C. Davis. 370—V. V. Stevens, A. Brown, W. R. Beatty, M. Sherbrook. 371—Jno. Fletcher, R. Shore, Jno. Stringer. 373—Geo. Sproat. 376—B. G. Beattie, D. Johnston,

H. D. Fuller, G. Turner. 378—Jas. Herman, T. S. Minton, J. B. Smyth, D. S. Tuttle. 380—W. D. McGloghlin, D. Schwaitzer, R. Tremaine, C. F. Periera, W. T. McNeil, Jno. Symans. 382—Jas. Lowrie, Jno. Mills, Wm. Farnier, J. J. Fisher, H. Marsh, J. H. Knott. 384—W. A. Coon, W. H. Lockhart, W. Shields, S. Cox, R. Clark, T. G. Cooper, T. McMann. 385—O. W. Christie. 365—J. M. Eaton, A. Long, H. Lamb, P. McLenan, M. Dyke. 394—Geo. McDonald. 396—J. J. Jermyn, H. G. Trout, R. D. Farley, A. J. Kyle. 397—J. H. Lawrence, B. F. Hill, R. Dreen, T. Rosa, Wm. Manley. 399—D. M. Collins, I. Middleton. 402—G. Benedict, D. L. Goodrich, W. R. Elliott, Wm. Langley, Jas. Oliver, W. R. Pizer. 406—Otto Stephens, A. L. Hall, J. Reid, J. Patterson, Jno. Ellis. 410—E. G. Mingay, W. L. Heatherly, D. Taylor, J. Arnold, C. C. Robinson, R. J. McKee, H. R. Hyslop, R. O. Whitby. 413—W. E. Bottoms, N. Shaw, J. H. Still. 420—Jno. Scott, G. Cavanagh, J. Holditch, R. J. Tough, C. N. Ferguson, P. Jonbert, H. Curran, G. W. Stein, J. L. Hendershot, W. J. Small. 421—A. Deans, S. Tweedy, D. Hyndman, S. S. Newman. 426—G. M. Donovan, S. M. Clemens.

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No. 3—Robt. A. Irwin, 7th February, '94. 5—Thos. McEwen, 8th September, '93; J. D. Buell, 2nd February, '94; Jas. McCallum, 28th March, '94. 6—P. S. Fillman, 12th July, '93; J. A. Dingle, 19th July, '93; T. B. Griffith, 22nd July, '93; Wm. Young, 28th December, '93. 7—D. Kerman, 1st October, '93; G. N. Loosley, 24th October, '93; R. M. Griffith, 14th January, '94. 9—J. Schryver, 17th September, '93. 10—Mat. C. Brown, 12th July, '93; R. Wood, 11th January, '94. 11—T. Farnham, 5th August, '93; Alf. E. Ellis, 8th January, '94. 15—A. Martin, 4th December, '93; Wm. Dougan, 6th August, '93. 16—Rich. Chaddick, 9th January, '94; F. McDonald, 12th June, '94; W. H. Aikins, 10th November, '93; W. H. Howland, 12th December, '93. 17—A. J. Van Ingen, 25th June, '93. 20—Jno. Turnbull, 15th June, '93; Jas. A. Pool, 12th December, '93. 21a—D. C. Cameron, 27th January, '94; N. D. McCrimmon, 4th February, '94. 22—H. W. Jackman, 23rd October, '93; Jno. McKee, 11th November, '93; Jas. Hobbs, 23rd March, '94. 25—J. H. Ferguson, 15th September, '93; M. Crombie, 8th December, '93. 27—A. A. Wyllie, 2nd June, '94. 28—W. H. Nesbitt, 10th February, '94. 31—T. Nowell, 25th June, '93; Jno. Jeffery, 13th December, '93; Wm. R. Clinie, 7th June, '94. 38—A. D. Palmer, 7th August, '93. 39—Wm. Hault, 29th June, '93. 40—H. H. Laing, 9th July, '93; H. W. Sewell, 3rd January, '94; Wm. Warrack, 15th March, '94; Wm. Turnbull, 24th May, '94; J. B. Plastow, 10th June, '94. 41—Jno. Cascadden, May, '93; H. B. Alexander, '93. 42—W. G. Buntou, 1st July, '93; L. Kelly, 9th March, '93. 44—Geo. Pennard, 12th February, '94; C. Adderman, 5th March, '94. 45—J. M. Page, 26th May, '94.

46—C. L. Von Gunten, 14th June, '94. 47—Thos. Vessey, 5th October, '93. 50—Jno. Y. Weeks, 16th October, '93; J. C. Davidson, 26th January, '94. 52—Alex. J. Short, 17th November, '93. 56—J. McDonald, 29th July, '93; C. Ross, 29th August, '93; J. H. Smith, 5th October, '93; C. Mole, 18th October, '93; D. Simpson, 23rd November, '93; Daniel Adams, 23rd June, '94. 58—C. J. Smith, 17th December, '93; G. H. Preston, 20th December, '93. 61—Geo. Gurney, September, '93; Wm. Reid, 4th October, '93; Jno. Stewart, 26th January, '94. 63—Thos. Turner, 4th April, '93; H. McEwen, 26th October, '93. 65—Jas. Greenfield, 22nd November, '93. 72—Albert E. Attwood, 19th March, '94; Jno. Ferguson, 16th January, '94. 73—D. S. Rupert, 28th September, '93; J. B. Hudson, 4th September, '93; T. F. Guest, January, '94. 75—S. Stevenson, 26th July, '93; D. McDonald, 4th October, '93; Jno. Shanessy, 11th December, '93. 76—W. H. Kaon, 21st January, '94; Thos. Cuthbertson. 77—A. Morrison, 29th July, '93. 84—Jas. Mude, 15th January, '94; Peter Campbell, 20th January, '94; Chas. Spooner, 2nd May, '94. 85—Adam Armstrong, 8th July, '93. 91—Jno. D. Rutherford, 4th March, '94. 92—Thos. R. Dupuis, 25th January, '93; Arch. McMillan, 13th August, '93. 96—D. McNiven, 4th March, '94; Jno. Lee, 21st April, '94. 97—Robt. Price, 2nd June, '94. 103—A. Lloyd, 16th August, '93. 104—W. A. Simpson, 1st September, '93; Caleb Hartley, 14th May, '94. 109—Jno. Carruthers, 26th November, '93. 110—W. G. Brunning, 4th February, '94. 114—Wm. A. Clegg, 23rd August, '93. 121—C. F. Cox, 16th January, '94; J. G. Davidson, 13th February, '94. 122—Jno. Wallace, 21st January, '94. 123—A. H. Jones, 23rd December, '93; H. B. F. Odell, 22nd January, '94. 127—W. H. McKague, 22nd December, '93. 129—S. March, 11th May, '94. 133—Geo. Willis, 9th April, '94. 135—Geo. Smith, 22nd August, '93; Jno. Wallace, 31st October, '93. 136—D. McMurphy, 9th April, '94. 139—E. W. Aylesworth, 25th May, '93; Geo. Chapman, 29th November, '93. 140—W. E. Johnson, 15th September, '93. 143—W. B. Morrison, 15th December, '93. 147—Thos. Prentice, 3rd March, '94. 148—Jas. W. Harper, 15th June, '93; Phillip Veal, 16th August, '94. 149—Jno. Woodward, 25th July, '93. 157—H. Laishloy, 4th February, '94. 161—D. S. Pickworth, 18th December, '93; J. Phillips, 26th April, '94. 164—S. W. Flagler, 29th July, '93. 165—E. Thomas, 22nd July, '94. 166—A. W. Wodehouse, 29th December, '93. 170—Jno. Sommerville, 29th June, '93; R. Jamieson, 16th September, '93. 173—Robt. Reid, 20th July, '93; Peter Studer. 177—Wm. Cherry, 6th March, '94; Alex. Stewart, 6th May, '94. 181—Alex. Bruce, 20th April, '94. 181—James Ward, 30th January, '94. 192—Wm. H. Lynch, October, '93; Jno. M. Raby, 2nd October, '93. 196—Jas. McCuan, 23rd November, '93. 209a—E. Robson, 17th August, '93; T. Bittou, 17th April, '94. 218—Alex. Bryce, 22nd August, '93; J. McA. Griffith, 11th January, '94; Jas. A. Austin, 10th February, '94; Wm. Smith, 20th March, '94; J. W. Spence, 6th June, '94. 219—Daniel McKenzie, 26th August, '93. 221—A. Dowson, 8th March, '94. 233—Wm. Scales, 7th September, '93. 235—D. Aitken, 2nd September, '93. 238—E. Saunders, 16th April, '94. 245—Samuel Marriott, 21st July, '93; W. G. Macintosh, 31st July, '93; A. Challice, 18th April, '94. 247—C. A. Bradshaw, 5th August, '93. 258—J. A. Augell, 13th September, '93; E. Tuthill, 6th February, '94; Jas. Sparks, 19th June, '94. 263—J. B. Rodgers, 1st November, '93. 270—Jno. McGill, 28th April, '94. 277—Hy. Muler, 13th November, '93. 282—W. H. Simpson, December, '92; Alex. Hyndman, March, '93; J. Sara, October, '93; Thos. Hopkins, May, '94. 284—Jno. Duncan, 16th November, '93. 286—W. J. Young, December, '93; 287—R. V. Nelson, 7th July, '93; C. W. Hamilton, 12th December, '93. 291—J. B. Plastow, 10th June, '94. 294—Jno. Kehoe, '92; Jas. McElmagh, 1st August, '93. 296—Jos. W. Cameron, 11th February, '94. 316—Geo. Virtue, 10th March, '94. 320—J. London, no date; G. W. Bogart, 20th December, '93. 322—P. H. Bander, 19th December, '93. 324—Wm. Reid, October, '93; Wm. Heenev, 14th June, '94. 325—A. J. Griffin, 7th October, '93. 326—W. R. Shields, May, '94. 329—D. J. Hunter, 10th May, '94. 330—Jas. Cook, 14th July, '93; Thos. Brock, 27th November, '93. 336—Jno. Shoemaker, 2nd May, '94. 337—R. Booth, 15th July, '93; J. P. Robertson, 6th January, '94. 338—A. McKeague, 2nd February, '94. 345—Jas. Armstrong, 28th January, '93. 346—A. A. Green, 12th May, '94; J. W. Lambert, 30th October, '93; Thos. Coyne, December, '93; Jas. Moyer, 31st March, '94. 347—Jno. Tindale, 27th December, '93. 356—W. T. Hicks, 23rd December, '93. 359—F. A. Finch, 5th February, '94. 361—Jas. Galbraith, 14th February, '94. 369—Jas. Allen, 18th March, '93. 370—J. A. Russell, 16th May, '94. 371—Jno. Stewart, 4th May, '94. 373—J. W. Perine, 16th May, '93. 377—A. McLachlan, 9th August, '93. 378—Peter Graut, 28th September, '92. 382—P. J. Thomas, 19th March, '94. 384—Thos. A. Ferguson, 14th October, '93; A. W. Ball, 13th February, '94; Thos. Adams, 4th June, '94. 386—D. McIntyre, 27th February, '93. 387—C. Stewart, 20th May, '94. 388—Wm. Walker, 3rd August, '93. 392—Wm. E. Core, 10th October, '93; Jas. B. Biggin, 5th December, '93. 453—W. H. Elliott, 27th May, '94. 404—J. P. Arlon, 19th September, '93. 412—J. S. Skews, 31st March, '94. 414—P. McAllen, 7th April, '94; N. Mosher, 1st June, '94. 419—D. Vreeland, 14th December, '93. 427—R. S. Donally, 20th October, '93.

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		Massachusetts			S. F. Nickerson	Boston
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		Pennsylvania			Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia
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R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone	Toronto	South Dakota	W. Bro. Louis G. Lavy	Webster	Charles T. McCoy	Aberdeen
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R.W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson.....	Toronto	Bro. Cario Meyer.....	Dr. Alex. Fraenkel.....	Budapest
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R.W. Bro. R. Radcliffe.....	Goderich	Bro. Louis Guipil.....	J. P. Valliant.....	The Hague
		Mexico	J. G. DeGonzales.....	Mexico
		New Grenada.....	Dr. J. A. Ego-Aguierre.....	Lima
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	Portugal.....	Bro. Joas Castano D'Almeida.....	G. A. Comez.....	Lisbon
	St. Domingo.....	Bro. Jacno de Castro.....	Eugenio de Marchena.....	
		Bro. Charles Gerster.....	San Domingo
R.W. Bro. W. L. Hamilton.....	Belleville	Bro. Belisario Conrado.....	Don Jose Parnso.....	Monte Video
	Uruguay.....	Bro. Antonio M. Mollejas.....	D. Zapata.....	Santa Fe
R.W. Bro. John Walsb.....	Ottawa		J. M. Medina.....	Caraccas
	Venezuela.....			

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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1894

Report on Correspondence.

HENRY ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their Annual Report, reviewing the Proceedings of 58 Grand Lodges, a list of which will be found at the end of the report.

Undoubtedly the most important Masonic event of the year was the Masonic Congress, held at Chicago, during the Columbian Exhibition on August 14th, 1893, and the four following days. There were 103 Delegates in attendance, representing 33 Grand Jurisdictions. Some of the Jurisdictions had five Delegates and others only one, and it was agreed that each Jurisdiction should have five votes.

The Congress was presided over by Bro. Monroe C. Crawford, the Grand Master of Illinois, and the Secretary was Bro. J. L. Power, of Mississippi. Among the Vice-Presidents elected were Bro. John M. Gibson, Grand Master of Canada, and Bro. W. G. Bell, P. G. M., of Manitoba.

A number of very interesting papers were read, and the topics therein mentioned were fully discussed. The following are the conclusions which were arrived at:—

GRAND LODGE SOVEREIGNTY.—The conclusion of the Congress is, that a Grand Lodge duly organized in a State or other autonomous territory, is rightfully possessed of absolute Masonic sovereignty therein.

A PLEA FOR IMPROVED PROCEEDINGS.—The conclusion of the Congress is, that the formation of Masonic libraries should be encouraged and fostered; and inasmuch as the published proceedings of our Grand Lodges and other Grand Masonic bodies do and ever will constitute the larger part of such libraries, greater care and more pains should be bestowed upon the preparation and publication of such proceedings, to the end that they may have greater value in every Masonic collection, and that there should be a freer and more generous distribution of proceedings among the brethren to the end that Masonic light may be more generally diffused.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—It is the conclusion of the Congress that under the changed condition of selecting Grand Representatives too

little time has elapsed to give opportunity for definite judgment as to the usefulness of our system, and it should therefore be continued.

THE PREROGATIVES OF GRAND MASTER.—It is the conclusion of the Congress that the dispensing power recognized by the old regulation as residing in the person and office of the Grand Master, has been so generally exercised by that officer from the organization of Masonry on the Grand Lodge system down to the present time that its existence cannot be successfully denied, but that there are no dispensing powers so residing that may not be limited or wholly denied by the Grand Lodge, save such as inhere in that office under the sanctions of the ancient landmarks.

THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS.—The conclusion of the Congress is that the ancient landmarks are those fundamental principles which characterize Masonry as defined by the charges of a Free Mason, and without which the institution cannot be identified as Masonry, combined with the essentials of the unwritten language by which Brethren distinguish each other as Masons.

THE CREED OF A MASON.—An unequivocal belief and trust in God is the fundamental principle upon which the institution of Freemasonry was founded and must forever rest.

APPEALS FOR AID.—The conclusion of the Congress is that worthy Masons are entitled to relief from Brethren and Lodges wheresoever they may be found in need of relief, and that the Brethren or Lodges granting such aid, are not entitled to demand reimbursement from the Lodges in which they hold their membership, but that when a member of one Lodge is relieved by another, and the financial situation of his Lodge is such as to permit, common courtesy and duty alike demand that it should reimburse a poorer Lodge relieving its members. Written or printed appeals for aid which do not secure the endorsement of the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction from which they emanate should be discountenanced.

NON-AFFILIATES.—The conclusion of the Congress is that every Mason ought to be a member of some regular Lodge, attending its meetings and sharing its burdens.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.—It is the conclusion of the Congress that absolute competency to conform literally to all the requirements of the ceremonies of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry fulfils the requirement of physical perfection in a candidate.

INSPECTION OF LODGE CHARTERS.—It is the conclusion of the Congress that a visitor to a Lodge has no right to demand an inspection of the Lodge Charter.

ALABAMA.

73rd Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 5, 1893.

Francis L. Pettus, G. M.

Notwithstanding the hard times four new lodges were formed and the membership increased. They have now 368 lodges and 11,373 members.

The business transacted was entirely of local interest.

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That in the event of any District Conference or other Conference of Subordinate Lodges, working under the law now of

force, for their organization, shall meet and no officer be present, who is authorized by the present law, to open such conference, then the Conference may be opened by the W. M. of the Lodge with which the said Conference meets and such proceedings be had as the Brethren may think for the good of Masonry, not inconsistent with Masonic Law and usage "

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. P. J. Pillans. Our proceedings were not received.

Francis L. Pettus (Selma), G. M.

Henry C. Armstrong (Montgomery), G. S.

ARIZONA.

12th Communication, Phoenix, Nov. 14, 1893.

John M. Ormsby, G. M.

The Grand Master visited seven of the eleven lodges and finds that the work compares favorably with that of other jurisdictions. In spite of the hard times, they have a substantial increase in membership. One of his decisions discloses a curious application :—

"On February 4th I received the following communication from the Master of "Nogales" Lodge, No 11 :

NOGALES, Arizona Territory, February 4, 1893.

J. M. ORMSBY, M. W. Grand Master of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : There is a man here wishing to join our Lodge. He talks and understands some English, but not enough to meet with our requirements. A brother Mason, a Mexican, offers to interpret for him, and lecture him, and examine him in open Lodge in the Spanish language, and vouch for him if sufficiently proficient. The most of our members understand enough Spanish to satisfy themselves as to his proficiency. In such case can we accept the candidate and confer degrees?

Yours fraternally,

JNO. P. DESSART,

Master "Nogales" Lodge, No. 11.

To this I made the following reply :

TUCSON, Ariz., February 7, 1893.

MR. JOHN P. DESSART, Master "Nogales" Lodge, No. 11, Nogales, Ariz.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.: Answering yours of February 4th : This is a case upon which I find no decision, and therefore is one peculiar to ourselves. The test of qualification is that an applicant "must be able to read, write, etc." The Constitution does not say that he "must be able to read and write" the English language; then "read and write" what? Why presumably the language used by the Lodges in this jurisdiction in conferring degrees. If the applicant cannot read and write English, and, as you state, cannot speak it, how can he understand or comprehend the ceremonies through which he must pass? How can he take upon himself the obligation? Certainly he could be taught the lectures in his own language, but how could the work be conferred upon him? If you or one of the Wardens were able to confer the degrees in Spanish, that might do, or if

there is a Past Master there who could perform the work, that might do. I see no reason why he should not receive the degrees (if elected) except your inability to confer them."

Fraternally yours,

JOHN M. ORMSBY,
Grand Master.

This matter was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, who reported that all applicants for the degrees of Masonry should be able to read and write the English language and that the degrees cannot be conferred in Arizona in any other language, and this report was adopted.

The system of Grand representatives was retained.

The use of cipher work was strictly prohibited.

Dayton A. Reed (Phoenix), G. M.

George J. Roskrue (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

54th Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 21, 1893.

R. J. Laughlin, G. M.

He reports two new lodges and says that the District Deputies generally report Masonry in a most flourishing condition, considering the financial stringency, and a universal desire to obtain the work, manifested by the good attendance upon the Schools of instruction held in all parts of the State.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of St. John's College has tendered to this Grand Lodge the government and direct control of the property known as the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, and of all other property of this Grand Lodge, held by them, to the end that the same may be administered and governed directly by this Grand Lodge; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge does hereby accept such tender of said property, and this Grand Lodge does, from this time, take the place of the said Board of Trustees of St. John's College with relation to said property, and does assume all their rights, interest and obligations, with respect thereto." * * *

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer, and two members to be elected annually by this Grand Lodge, shall constitute a board for the government of said property, said Board to be called the BOARD OF CONTROL, a majority of said Board to constitute a quorum, and all the members thereof to serve without pay."

A proposal to increase the per capita tax, in order to pay the debt on their Masonic Temple, lies over till next session.

They have 437 lodges and 13,512 members; gain, 75.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. S. H. Davidson. In his review of Canada for 1892, he says :

"An earnest, thoughtful and thoroughly practical address was delivered by Grand Master Robertson. He maintains, and correctly

so to our view, that those in authority should keep in close touch with the craft, and he has followed out the theory, for during his two years' services as Grand Master, he has visited every Lodge on the register once and some of them twice. There are 348 Lodges on the roll, and his total visitations have amounted to 363. This record carries him ahead of anything in the visitation line accomplished on the American continent so far as the Journals examined by this committee show."

James M. Harkey (Russellville), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

22nd Communication, Victoria, June 22, 1893.

William Downie, G. M.

New lodges were formed at Nanaimo, Chilliwack and Vernon. The Grand Master visited all the lodges in the Province except one. He travelled 3050 miles, 600 of which were by stage. All the lodges, except one at Kamloops, are now conducting their ordinary business in the third degree.

There are 14 lodges and 968 members. Increase, 108.

The Ritual committee presented the following report:

"Your Committee to whom was referred the question of Uniformity of Ritual in this Jurisdiction, beg to report, that after due consideration of the question they recommend that no change be made in the Work as now practiced by existing Lodges.

That all Lodges which shall hereafter be inaugurated be required to select and work one of the three Rituals now practiced in this Jurisdiction, i.e.:

'The English' as practiced by Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.

'The Scotch' as practiced by Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

'The Canadian' as practiced by Cascade Lodge, No. 12."

We congratulate this Grand Lodge on the publication of their first report on Correspondence. Bro. Marcus Wolfe is the Chairman of the committee and his synopsis of the various Proceedings is well done. His extracts are made with great discrimination.

Sibree Clarke (Kamloops), G. M.

W. J. Quinlan (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

44th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 10, 1893.

Charles R. Gritman, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is a concise synopsis of his work during the year. He finds the Craft in a prosperous condition and harmony prevailing. A notable occurrence was the convening of the Grand Lodge on Dec. 27, 1892, at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, for the purpose of laying the Corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple there. This was

done at the request of Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21, and the Grand Master deputed Bro. W. F. Allen, a P. M. of that Lodge, to perform the ceremony. It is not recorded that any of the Grand Officers attended and it is not probable that any of them were there, so that the unique spectacle was presented of a Grand Lodge being opened 2000 miles away from its home and without a single Grand Officer being present. However, Bro. Allen performed the Ceremony in an imposing manner and in the presence of a vast concourse of people.

The Masonic Widow' and Orphan's Home is progressing. A suitable site of 270 acres has been selected at Decoto, 27 miles from San Francisco, at a cost of \$33,000. The building will cost about \$65,000.

Bro. James W. Anderson presented a very good report on Correspondence. Our Proceedings were not received. On the work done by the San Francisco Board of Relief, he says:

"Alluding to his criticism of what was said by Bro. EDWARDS in his review of the Indiana proceedings for 1892, we have simply to say that if our Board of Relief in San Francisco, without authority from the Lodge in Indiana, paid out any moneys beyond a reasonable sum for immediate support of Mrs. SHUMWAY, without the knowledge or consent of the Lodge in Indiana, the Board had no reasonable claim upon the Lodge in Indiana. If the Lodge in Indiana would not give this lady any more money, or authorize others to do so, we would simply let the matter rest and feel that we were not under any kind of obligation to give any more. We shall not attempt to justify our Board of Relief in creating an indebtedness against any Lodge without authority from the Lodge so to do. We are of opinion that charity is dispensed with too much openhandedness by our Board of Relief, and especially so to sojourning brethren, and sojourning widows and orphans of brethren, who seem to think that all that is to be done is to ask. There is not another Board in all the land that dispenses as much charity in the way of support, burials, etc., as the San Francisco Board of Relief. It might be well to act for a time upon the principle that charity should begin at home. If Bro. LONG, however, had a little of our western experience in this matter, and was compelled to support, and bury, as many as we have to do, who never pay a cent into our Lodge funds or Relief funds, but on the contrary, to save a few dimes, hold their membership in Eastern Lodges, we would not be at all surprised to find him a little more charitable in his utterances. We are not conversant with either the Indiana or New Jersey case, but we are conversant with the fact that many Eastern Masons and Eastern Lodges seem to act as though the coffers of our Boards were at their disposal. A little bit of wholesome let alone might be of service to Masonry and to our Boards in this jurisdiction. We are beginning to weary in this species of well-doing. The fact is that the liberality of California Masons is being imposed upon. We hope our Boards will take warning, and hereafter obtain authority to disburse their funds in support of members of other Lodges, or the widows of members. At the risk of having some italics slung at us, we will say that a long, intimate and personal knowledge of the character of the Boards of

Relief in this jurisdiction, justifies us in saying that they have always been actuated by the principle of do unto others as you would be done to. We greatly regret that any occasion for harshness of utterance as between Bros. LONG and EDWARDS has occurred; and yet, we are inclined to the opinion that, if it will make our Board a little more careful in dispensing their funds, the result will be for good."

Bro. Anderson is not a believer in the doctrine of the "prerogatives" of the Grand Master. He thinks that that Officer is subject to the restrictions of the Constitution the same as other members. The Grand Lodge of California has decided that the Grand Master is but the creature of the Grand Lodge, with no implied powers, *inherent or divine*.

We fully agree with the following :

"We have never favored the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. We think it is Masonic to remedy a wrong, as well as to prevent one; and we consider it in violation of one of our cardinal teachings to permit a good man to be subjected to continued wrong. If there were any process by which the conscience-breaker could be caught, there would be less injudicious use of the ballot in our Lodges. But inasmuch as there is no way, justice dictates that the conscience-breaker should not have perpetual power to inflict wrong. It is generally your good man of independent spirit, he who dares to denounce wrong, that is made the victim of these conscience-breakers. We have no doubt that vast multitudes of good men and true are deterred from making application to our Lodges through the apprehension that the black ball will be used to blacken, if possible, their good name and standing. No perpetual jurisdiction for us."

In the report of the committee on Jurisprudence we find the following deliverance relative to the right of a lodge to assist a sick and needy brother in payment of the premiums on his Life Insurance Policy.

"We infer from what is stated in the question that the brother referred to was a member in good standing of the Lodge proposing to assist him: that his physician had declared that there was no hope of his recovering health again; that he had a family dependent upon him; that he was poor and unable, without assistance, to keep up a policy of life insurance which, when in health he had procured for the benefit of his family, and which at his death would be payable to them, and that the policy was in a reliable company and for an amount sufficient for the support of his family.

"If these inferences are correct, we think the Lodge might properly assist him or his family, and that it could not aid him or them in any way more acceptably or more efficiently than by paying the premium on his policy and thus securing to them a competency for the future and saving them from the necessity of dependence upon the Lodge or their friends."

The same committee reported adversely on a proposition to reduce the fee for the three degrees from \$50 to \$30. Their report was not concurred in. A majority voted in favor of the reduction, but as the amendment did not receive five-sixths

of the votes, it will lie over until the next meeting, when it may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Five new lodges received charters.

Henry S. Orme (Los Angeles), G. M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

33rd Communication, Denver, Sept. 19th, 1893.

William D. Wright, G. M.

They have had a satisfactory increase in membership and harmony prevails. Five new lodges were formed.

The Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and New Zealand were duly recognized.

The committees on Jurisprudence approved of the suggestion of the Grand Master relating to a proper Memorial Observance of the centennial of the death of Bro. George Washington, which took place on Dec. 14th, 1799, and they reported action as under:—

“That a committee of three be appointed to present the subject to the several Grand Masters and Grand Lodges of the United States and request:

“1. The appointment of a committee of one from each Grand Jurisdiction, with one alternate, to serve through all the arrangements, in order to save confusion by annual changes.

“2. That the committee from this Grand Lodge arrange by correspondence with the committees from sister Grand Lodges, for a place of meeting of said committee at some early day subsequent to the next Annual Grand Communication of each of said Grand Lodges.

“3. That the committee from this Grand Lodge be recommended to suggest memorial services and suitable addresses at the tomb of Washington, at Mount Vernon, at which all the Grand Masters of the United States be present, with their subordinate officers and other members

“4. That the committee representing the Grand Lodges report in detail their recommendations for the memorial to their respective Grand Lodges for approval, before the same be actually undertaken.

“Because of the number of Grand Lodges, and the irregular periods of their Annual Communications, this process will consume three or four years at least, which will leave barely two years in which to perfect the final arrangements.”

Bro. L. N. Greenleaf has a good notice of Canada for 1892. He says that the record of Grand Master J. Ross Robertson of official visits has seldom, if ever, been equalled.

Jethro C. Sanford (Durango) G. M.

Ed. C. Parmelee (Denver) G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

106th Communication, Hartford, Jan. 17th, 1894.

Samuel Bassett, G. M.

The Grand Master opens his address with the following remarks :—

"Rendering first of all, thanks to the Father of Light for the gracious privilege of assembling on this our one hundred and sixth annual communication, I am happy in being able to congratulate the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut on the prosperous condition of the craft, that at no period of its history has there been more thorough and effective work toward the completion of the great temple whose builders we are. Diligence and harmony are inseparable among the brethren of the 'mystic tie.'

"There is no need that I should seek to exalt in your minds, faithful and long tried masters of the craft as you are, the royal tenets which tend to the uplifting of man. You who have been loyal to them in the sunshine of prosperity and in the gloom of adversity need no exhortation, but I may rejoice with you that the principles for which you have labored are bearing fruit as never before. The masonic virtues which have been the tie of this great order are having increased recognition in the whole earth. We have shared in the labor, we shall share in the reward. As an element in this progress, I am now privileged to report to you my official acts."

The memorial from Colorado as to the Washington Centennial in 1899 was deferred for future consideration.

The per capita tax was reduced from 25 cents to 20 cents. In estimating the membership all members may be deducted who have been Masons for 30 years, and also those whose whereabouts have been unknown for the five preceding years.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence.

Henry O. Warner (New Milford) G. M.

Joseph K. Wheeler (Hartford) G. S.

DELAWARE.

87th Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 4th, 1893.

John B. Book, G. M.

The brethren are laboring with commendable zeal to disseminate the principles of Freemasonry, and to uphold the honor and dignity of the Fraternity. The Grand Master visited all the lodges but two.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the second section of the third degree be continued in the hands of the Committee on Work, and not promulgated to the Lodges until the same shall have been adopted by the Grand Lodge."

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Rev. L. H. Jackson. He has a good notice of our Proceedings for 1892. He is on the right side as to the effect of "objections after advancement," and says :—

"One ballot for the three degrees is our rule in Delaware, and the

candidate who has been elected and initiated cannot be stopped in his advancement except by trial and conviction of Masonic offense, or failure in 'suitable proficiency.' He is required to pass examination in 'open Lodge' on 'proficiency,' and the vote of the Lodge is taken on the same by 'show of hands.' We find our usage obviates many difficulties, and prevents injustice to a brother through unmasonic motives."

Eldad L. Clarke (Dover) G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington) G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

83rd Communication, Washington, Nov. 8, 1893.

L. C. Williamson, G. M.

The lodges are in a prosperous condition and the officers are diligent in their work. Lodge meetings have been well attended and much interest has been manifested.

A new lodge was formed at Brookland.

The Grand Secretary has his usual good report on Correspondence. We regret that our Proceedings do not appear to have been received. On the prerogatives of Grand Masters, Bro. Singleton says :

"In the recent congress at Chicago, when the question came up for action on the subject of Grand Masters' *prerogatives*, one of the delegates from a Grand Jurisdiction, holding to the doctrine of 'prerogatives,' tried very hard to convince the congress as to the absolute power of a Grand Master, but there was no favorable response to his efforts. We do not believe that there is another Grand Lodge anywhere which consents to the doctrine that a Grand Master can set aside the constitution of his Grand Lodge whenever he, in his judgment, may wish so to do.

"The trouble is that our *ritual* places the Worshipful Master in the position of King Solomon with absolute power and the mistake is that in our jurisprudence the difference between the Worshipful Master in the *ritual work* and the same person in presiding over the *business transactions* is not observed. The Worshipful Master is governed by the by-laws of his lodge and the constitution, rules, and regulations of the Grand Lodge. In his installation he promised solemnly that he would observe all of these and his obligations at the altar as a Mason require that he should do so. An appeal can at any time be taken from his decision as Master to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge. Here is a remedy provided against his decision which may be wrong.

"How is it in the case of a Grand Master who may be arbitrarily wrong in his decision? There is no remedy in the case of the *absolute* authority of a Grand Master; hence the justness of the dictum that to the Grand Lodge an appeal does lie against any decision of a Grand Master in the chair and a review of his decisions in vacation, by the Grand Lodge thereafter."

Henry S. Merrill (Washington), G. M.

William R. Singleton (Washington,) G. S.

FLORIDA.

65th Communication, Jacksonville, Jan. 16, 1894.

Marcus Endel, G. M.

The Grand Master visited 83 lodges. The work was exemplified on every occasion and the brethren manifested a laudable desire to improve themselves. Eight new lodges were formed.

The total cost of their Masonic Temple was \$37,636.18.

The resolution of the Grand Lodge passed in 1870, expressing approval of a General Grand Lodge, was unanimously ordered to be repealed.

William F. Bynum (Fort White), G. M.

Albert J. Russell (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

107th Communication, Macon, Oct. 31, 1893.

John S. Davidson, G. M.

An excellent steel-engraved portrait of their well-beloved Grand Secretary, Bro. A. M. Wolihin, graces the front of these Proceedings. His intellectual face fairly beams with kindness and brotherly love and it is no wonder that they are proud of him.

On the condition of the Craft, the Grand Master says :

"The year to whose record we turn our gaze, has been one of varied experiences. To say that its paths have been flowery and its success phenomenal, would not be an accurate statement of a fact. But that despite occurrences of an unusual and depressing nature we have had advance, and in the face of disaster some success is also true. The forces of nature, the influence of contests in government, the well filled or empty granaries, all affect Masonry as they do individuals and nations. Being a part, a very near part of all things which concern mankind and their interests, and our membership being composed of those who by reason of zeal and intelligence are usually leaders or among the leaders in thought and action, we cannot hope to escape the burdens which come as we enjoy the reward that often follows on such enterprise.

There has, however, been much activity of movement among the Lodges. The determination to cut loose the encumbering timber of Subordinate Lodge membership has been most decided ; the attempt to eliminate from Masonic companionship those whose associations do not reflect honor upon the Craft, has been more than ever pronounced and I think successful.

A review of the many decisions rendered will disclose the facts of which I speak. And while our increase in members may not be so great, dispensations have been granted for seven Lodges and membership increased over eight hundred, so we may well be consoled by the reflection that we have for the last few years grown so rapidly that like the philosopher's young man, we have stopped for a time because we are tired of growing so fast."

In this jurisdiction they have a committee on "General Welfare" which seems to take cognizance of all matters "lying round loose," and this year their report is very interesting. They commend the work of the General Masonic Relief Association, recommend the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, postpone the application of Mexico, recommend to subordinate lodges the use of good music in lodge work, emphasize the importance of lodges celebrating the Festivals of the two Saints John, praise the District Deputies for their capacity and energy, compliment the Grand Master, refer New Zealand to the Committee on Correspondence and conclude as follows:

"And finally we recommend to the Brethren, the use of the trowel, and to those in authority the use of the gavel; while the spreading of the cement of Brotherly love and affection is much to be desired, the use of the gavel, that emblem of Masonic law and authority, is in no wise to be neglected. It has been wisely said, that Masonry is a government, we reaffirm it; it is not only a government within its own household, but is the strongest bulwark and protection of the commonwealth; the moral law of Masonry is the foundation of all good government, tending to insure domestic peace, and public tranquility and order throughout the world."

One of the delegates to the Grand Lodge was complained against for being drunk on the streets. He was promptly arraigned, tried, found guilty and expelled by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. E. Mumford says that the Grand Lodge of Canada must be one of the most imposing and august bodies that ever assemble on the soil of the Queen's Dominions. Correct. He gives several extracts from the address of Grand Master Ross Robertson, for 1892, with approval.

John S. Davidson (Augusta), G. M.

Andrew M. Wolihin (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

26th Communication, Boise City, Sept. 12, 1893.

Isaac C. Hattabaugh, G. M.

They have 24 lodges and 1030 members, an increase of 132. Two new lodges were formed.

In the conclusion of the excellent address of the Grand Master, we find the following paragraph:

"Masonry, my brethren, needs no amendments; her principles are as pure as the unsunned snow; she is one of the grandest institutions earth has ever seen; let us, then, adhere to her principles and teachings as our fathers gave them to us. Her success in the future depends upon us. The foundations of society are heaving upwards; science is peopling the earth with new creations; prosperous states and thriving cities have arisen in the place of primeval forests and uninhabited wilds; the progress in literature and the arts has

been such that the wildest enthusiast of a quarter of a century ago would not have dreamed of; the genius of the age has given to man an almost mastery over the earth, and knowledge has been disseminated to an extent never paralleled in a corresponding period of time. And thus we find that such is the estimation in which the pure principles of Freemasonry are held, that wherever the home of freedom is established, there, also, we listen for the sound of the gavel. Nor do we listen in vain; the church, the school-house, and the Masonic lodge are seen to grow up wherever American citizens create an opening in the forest or on the plains; wherever the gospel of 'peace on earth, good-will to man' is proclaimed Freemasonry is found doing her share in the great work of moulding, elevating, and refining the elements that are to constitute the political and religious character of the rising community."

The Governor of the State took all the members of the Grand Lodge to the State Penitentiary and as he received a unanimous vote of thanks therefor, we presume that they were all satisfied with their quarters.

Charges were ordered to be preferred against a brother for practicing fraud upon a lodge. While he was under suspension in his own lodge for n. p. d., he attended a funeral held by the other lodge. He was not present at the opening, but joined the procession on its way to the grave and left it before it regained the lodge-room, so that the Master had no opportunity to debar him.

The sum of \$200 was appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Lecturer.

Bro. Charles C. Stevenson has a capital report on correspondence, from which we make the following extracts:

"Much space is given to the correspondence over Iowa's withdrawing her Grand Representative. The whole subject isn't worth the writing material wasted in the discussion. Grand Representatives are but figure-heads at the best." * * *

"To show the emptiness of the present system, a worthy brother of Idaho was appointed Grand Representative of Tasmania, whereupon he inquired: 'Where in Sam Hill is Tasmania?' Another brother received a commission and a bushel of letters all in Spanish, which he couldn't read. Again, half of the Grand Representatives in Idaho are not even members of the Grand Lodge." * * *

"Eastern Star Chapters cannot meet in Ohio lodge-rooms, either permanently or temporarily. Glad are we that we do not live in Ohio. How those Buckeye wives must 'kick' at their husbands staying out so late at lodge, when they themselves are forbidden the poor satisfaction of even quasi recognition in the Eastern Star. Out in Idaho we not only allow them to use the lodge-room, but allow it free of rent, and we don't lose anything either, for the ladies are ever ready to help, aid, and assist in all Masonic charity and good cheer."

Our Proceedings were not received.

James A. Pinney (Boise City), G. M.

James H. Wickersham (Boise City), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

These Proceedings come to us beautifully bound and in excellent shape for preservation.

54th Communication, Chicago, Oct. 3, 1893.

Monroe C. Crawford, G. M.

Five Schools of Instruction were held and nine new lodges formed. The Grand Master visited many lodges and found them all flourishing. On the Masonic Congress, he says :

"In accordance with the letter I did on the 14th day of August, 1893, as Grand Master, call the said Congress of Masons to order, for preliminary organization, and at the same time extended to the delegates assembled, a cordial welcome to the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois. The Congress was composed of delegates representing thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, and was in session five days. The delegates were a fine, intelligent body of representative Masons from Grand Lodges of the United States and foreign countries. Many questions of importance to the Craft were ably discussed and conclusions reached, but nothing was done or said looking to the perpetuation of the Congress or any subsequent meeting thereof.

"The delegates appointed from Illinois were all present except Past Grand Master Daniel M. Browning, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who, by reason of his official duties, was detained in Washington, and the Congress was deprived of his genial presence and of the advantage of his vast fund of Masonic knowledge. On account of his absence I appointed as a delegate R. W. Brother Leroy A. Goddard, Deputy Grand Master.

"The delegates of the Grand Lodge of Illinois feel under especial obligations to the officers and members of the Acacia Club of Chicago, for the very elegant reception given by them to the members of the Fraternal Congress.

"The executive committee of arrangements discharged the delicate and important duties devolving upon them in a most satisfactory manner, and they deserve especial mention for their wisdom and foresight as displayed in the admirable arrangements made for the comfort, convenience and entertainment of the delegates in attendance."

The available assets of the Grand Lodge are \$68,261 27. Their expenses run about \$30,000 and the receipts about \$38,000. They have 712 lodges and 48,222 members, an increase of 2,227. The sum of \$500 was donated to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.

Bro. John C. Smith was received with distinguished honors as the representative of the Grand Lodge of England, and in the course of his eloquent reply he spoke as follows :

"M. W. Bro. Cregier mentioned the fact of my having visited lodges in the far East. I have had not only the pleasure but the distinguished honor of visiting lodges in almost all of the nations of the world, in the four quarters of the world, upon the four great continents: I have visited upon the American continent from the extreme east to the extreme west, and upon the continents of Europe and Africa. I have witnessed the growth, the greatness, the utility

and the purpose of Masonry in all those lands, and I have the agreeable pleasure of knowing many of the distinguished Masons of those lands, and having witnessed their work, know the distinguishing part Freemasonry is taking and has taken in the civilization of the world; and remembering the oration of one of the most distinguished statesmen of America, in which he stated that the roll of the drum of England accompanied the sun around the world, I say to you, Most Worshipful Brother, and to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, that English Freemasonry, the work of the Mother Grand Lodge and the work of the American lodges which followed the example of that Mother Grand Lodge, the work of Illinois and our sister jurisdictions, not only accompanies civilization around the world, but they are the means of carrying civilization into all the lands of every country."

The Grand Orator, Bro. George W. Warvelle, delivered an oration on Pre-Historic Freemasonry, from which we take the following extract:

"I have no desire to pose as an iconoclast, nor to parade my humble opinions in opposition to those of the wise and the great who have preceded me; therefore, I do not say that Masonry has not existed in unbroken continuity for countless ages; that the Dionysian artificers were not our progenitors; that the Roman Colleges were not of our fraternity in the direct line of succession, nor that we are legitimately descended from them. Indeed, a positive denial of these statements does not lie in the mouth of any man, but I can with safety assert that no proof to sustain this pedigree has ever been produced, and that the tendency of modern discovery leads to a contrary conclusion.

"Our views and opinions with respect to the antiquity of the fraternity must, in a large measure, be shaped by the old manuscript constitutions to which I have alluded, and of which at least sixty are now known to be in existence. These are the only authentic memorials that have come down to us from the early Freemasons, and from the internal evidence which they afford much of our present knowledge is derived. These constitutions are all similar in general characteristics, and consist in the main of two parts, the first being a recital of legendary history, now called, for want of a better name, the "legend of the Craft," and the second consisting of what are popularly known as the "Ancient Charges," or the general regulations of the Craft. They are written on strips of parchment or vellum and are of various dates, known or surmised, from 1390 until the commencement of the 18th century. The majority of these interesting documents show signs of long and active use, and would seem to have been actually employed in the work of the pre-historic lodges and to have been read to candidates at the time of their initiation. They prove beyond a doubt that the society during the three hundred years which preceded the revival of 1717, was not an ordinary guild like the Livery companies or other strictly operative associations, but professedly to teach, and bound its members to the practice of, a high morality, obligating them to be true men, not only in their relations to one another and those around them, but also in the observance of their duties to God, the Church and the King. They contain much that unmistakably stamps them as emanating from an operative society, however, and the conclusion now generally accepted is that they represent the transition period, when Masonry

was passing from a strictly operative to a purely speculative condition.

"The internal evidence so presented has itself been the subject of much speculation and widely differing opinion. Thus, these parts, which, by way of introduction to the charges, recite the so-called 'legend of the Craft,' have been seized upon by the fiction writers as fully substantiating the traditions of our esoteric ceremonies, and to the casual observer this assertion may not seem altogether unfounded. The legend in question purports to be a history of the manner in which 'this worthy Craft of Masonry' was founded and afterwards maintained, commencing with the sons of Adam and continuing down to the times of the later Saxon kings of England. But this 'history,' as will be seen on closer inspection, does not purport to be that of a society or guild, but is rather a summary, and not a very accurate one at that, of the general course of the building art or geometry, and attempts to describe its vicissitudes in much the same manner as might be done in the case of music astronomy, or any other of the seven liberal arts and sciences. Indeed, it is not claimed in these old chronicles that a formal institution of the Masonic guild was effected until the time of King Athelstan, who, at the traditionary assembly at York in the tenth century, is said to have given them a charter, and at which time the charges and rules for the government of the Craft were formulated. Here then is the genesis of Masonry as revealed by its own writings; whether it be true or false I do not now assume to decide, but can only say that secular history verifies the time, if not the manner, of its institution. From the tenth to fourteenth century it remained a working-man's guild, differing probably in no essential feature from the other Craft guilds of the period and with nothing of an esoteric character, so far as known, except its trade secrets. During all these years it left no sign, and for all of our information concerning it we are dependent on general history. In 1356 was enacted the first Statute of Laborers which forbade the congregation of artisans, who, it was alleged, were thereby incited to unjust and illegal demands, contrary to the spirit of the English Constitution. At this time, then, must be dated the first change in the character of the guild, and the earliest written memorial which we possess, the Regius Poem, is ascribed to a period about forty years later. It was not until 1424, however, that effective measures were taken to suppress trade organizations or assemblies of workmen, and from this period may be observed the speculative character and the growing tendency towards that system of symbolic philosophy which culminated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of 1717.

"There are those, and their learning and ability commands for them the highest respect for their opinions, who, while repudiating the traditionary origin of the Craft, nevertheless contend that the old constitutions clearly point to the existence of a symbolic or speculative society at the earliest date from whence they assume to speak. According to the theory of these savants it would seem that as early as the fourteenth century (the date of the oldest known manuscript), there was a guild or fraternity commemorating the science, but without practicing the art, of Masonry; that such guild was not composed of operative Masons; that the persons to whom the text of these manuscripts was recited were a society from whom all but the memory or tradition of its ancient trade had departed, and that certain passages may be held to indicate rather the absorp-

tion of a Craft-legend by a social guild than a gradual transition from operative to speculative Masonry by a craft or fraternity composed in the first instance of practical builders. It must be admitted that there is something very fascinating about this theory, but the view is not considered tenable by the majority of Masonic students, and finds its adherents mainly among those who seek to avoid the very evident plebeian birth of the institution."

The minimum fee for the degrees is \$25 and in Chicago \$50.

Bro. Loyal L. Munn retired from the office of Grand Secretary, which he has so efficiently filled for the past twelve years, and he received a cordial vote of thanks for his services.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Joseph Robbins, and it forms a further evidence of his unusual ability and energy in this line. Over 300 pages are occupied with a review of 54 Grand Lodges, and the magnitude of the task of selecting from this mass of excellent matter may be imagined. We copy a part of his remarks on the Masonic Congress:

"It is the conclusion of the congress that the dispensing power recognized by the Old Regulations as residing in the person and office of Grand Master has been so generally exercised by that officer from the organization of Masonry *on the Grand Lodge system* down to the present time, that its existence cannot be successfully denied, but that there are no dispensing powers so residing that may not be limited or wholly denied by the Grand Lodge, save such as inhere in that office under the sanctions of the ancient landmarks.

"We have italicized the words which in the erroneous reports are replaced by the words, 'and the lodge system.'

'The published proceedings of the congress will demonstrate what was strikingly apparent during its deliberations, that the apparently wide diversity of opinion on many matters being controversially discussed by Grand Masters and committees is more apparent than real, and is largely one of mental definition. It often takes a long time in written discussions to get at the fact that the same word used by the contestants stands for quite different conceptions in the mind of each; but out of the sharp attrition of oral debate may quickly come an agreed definition that becomes at once the basis of a close consensus.

"We have intimated above that expectations of any great influence being exerted by a congress towards bringing about ritualistic uniformity throughout the jurisdiction represented were likely to be disappointed. A moment's reflection is sufficient to show why this must be so.

"In matters that can be committed to print, the reasons which influence the members of a body towards an agreement can be brought home to all who read its proceedings. But even if the participants could personally reach all their constituents on returning to them, the men are rare who can adequately reflect upon others the influences and considerations that have been potent in shaping their minds; and as in fact the best equipped of them can meet and discuss with only the comparatively few the things which are and must be matters of purely oral illustration, it is easy to see that little headway can be made against the ingrained inertia of 'I didn't receive it that way.' There is nothing more difficult in Masonry than to penetrate the ritualistic shell of an old jurisdiction.

"Still the influence of such a body is in the right direction in this as in other matters; it is a distinctly broadening one. It is a good deal for even a few men in a jurisdiction to learn that features which they had guarded with especial jealousy as an unimpeachable legacy from the aforesaid are really provincialisms, not in use elsewhere, and perhaps had crept in only shortly before their own initiation. It tones down the conceit which is the greatest obstacle to any study, and particularly to the study of comparative Masonry.

"Thirty-six North American jurisdictions were represented by one or more delegates, making in all one hundred and six members and a body of high average ability.

"If its work did not cover as much ground as some of its promoters hoped, because of the impossibility of holding busy men for a longer period, it disappointed the expectation of those who thought its hours would be chiefly devoted to junketing and sight-seeing and belied the fears of the doubters who trembled for the stability of the eternal foundations of Freemasonry.

"It is too early to review the work of the congress, for although its conclusions upon the various topics considered by it have been published, the absence of the debates—whose publication in the near future is anticipated—showing the steps by which those conclusions were reached, makes any present estimate of its work necessarily a partial one.

"The fact that the Masonic press in reproducing from one of the Chicago dailies the official report of the conclusions of the congress, carefully prepared for it by the secretary, Grand Secretary J. L. POWER, of Mississippi, is perpetuating the error by which in that publication a portion of one of the most important definitions essayed by the congress was dropped, is our only excuse for referring to any of the details of the work in advance of the publication of the proceedings. It seems to us proper and desirable that this error should be as promptly and widely corrected as possible, and we therefore give it a place in this report which will be published within a few days.

"The definition referred to is that of the ancient landmarks. On this subject the full text of the conclusion of the body is as follows, the italics showing that portion of it dropped in the published reports:

"The conclusion of the congress is, that the ancient landmarks are those fundamental principles which characterize Masonry as defined by the Charges of a Freemason, and without which the institution cannot be identified as Masonry, *combined with the essentials of the unwritten language by which brethren distinguish each other as Masons.*"

Our proceedings for 1892 receive flattering mention at his hands. He gives a number of extracts and thus speaks of the address:

"The address of the Grand Master (J. ROSS ROBERTSON) is a broad, strong paper, reflecting not only the grasp of an able mind, but the intimate knowledge of one whose ample means have enabled him to convert his leisure into tireless activity in the Craft's behalf during his incumbency of the Grand East."

Leroy A. Goddard (Chicago), G. M.

J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G. S.

INDIANA.

72nd Communication, Indianapolis, May 23, 1893.

Sidney W. Douglas, G. M.

They can show an improved financial condition; their numerical strength has been materially increased, and, with few exceptions, prosperity prevails in the lodges. Six new lodges were formed. On his refusal to grant special dispensations, the Grand Master says :

"During the year passed, I have received requests for special dispensations to violate almost every law in the code of Grand Lodge laws; to allow lodges to receive and act on petitions without laying over the statutory time; to confer all the degrees on the same candidate in one evening, being cases of emergency; to allow lodges to rent their lodge halls to other secret organizations in order to increase their revenue; to confer the degrees on candidates over an objection; to prefer charges against a brother for objecting, claiming his reasons were personal, or political, or both; to allow lodges to appear in public processions with other secret organizations. The requests are too many to enumerate, and in every instance I merely cited the law governing the case and informed the applicant that it was not in the power of the Grand Master to grant special dispensations to violate the Grand Lodge laws."

By an amendment to the General Regulations a member suspended for n. p. d. can only restore himself by payment of the arrears within one year of his suspension. After that time a majority vote is required after reference at a private meeting and report of Investigating Committee.

It was decided to continue the system of Grand Representatives

Bro. Simeon P. Gillett was duly acknowledged as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bro. Thomas B. Long has an elaborate report on Correspondence, covering 228 pages. In his review of our Proceedings for 1892 he says that our Grand Master Ross Robertson delivered "a lengthy and very able address, recounting untiring and stupendous work on his part, which was as beneficial as it was wholly unselfish." In his conclusion he says :

"The only other subject of extraordinary interest, observed by the writer, is comprised in the discussion of a letter written on July 12th, 1752, by Dr. Thoman Manningham, the famous Deputy Grand Master of England, to Bro. Sauer, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Holland, tending to prove that the three degrees were practiced conferred long prior to the 'Revival' of 1717. That for this purpose the letter in question was not sooner used—because it was discovered in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands by Brother Noordziek in 1863, published by Brother Hertzveld, communicated to Brother Findel of Berlin, and incorporated in the HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY printed that year—is singular, for the additional reason that Brother Gould took occasion to copy the material para-

graph of it in the course of the preparation of his recent HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY—though for the then purpose of negating its statement that ‘Grand Master Payne succeeded Sir Christopher Wren;’ and in an effort to show that the great architect of St. Paul’s was never Grand Master of Masons, and probably never even a member of the Fraternity. For this purpose Brother Gould attacked the reliability of the letter, and his not having used it then to establish the antiquity of the three degrees, which he almost immediately decided adversely upon, may have been because he already placed it under the ban of discredit in aid of the other purpose. This is a more generous inference that he should have failed to appreciate the force of its statement: ‘The only Orders that we know are three—Master, Fellow-Crafts, and Apprentices.’

“Now, the present discussions grow out of the use of this very letter, about a year ago, by Brother Gould, to prove that he was wrong in the conclusion arrived at in his History, that at the time of, and prior to, the ‘Revival’ there was but one degree of Masonry. This he does in a ‘Memoir of Dr. Thomas Manningham,’ printed last year from the transactions of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, of London. It is a most peculiar circumstance, that only a few years ago he should have overridden this document and ignored the main assertions it contained, and as to which alone it was written, and have adjudged a part of its contents incorrect and untrue, and based his historical reputation, on this point, upon such judgment. and then, so very soon after, on the authority of this letter alone have announced his error and espoused the statements it contained as conclusive upon the question of the time immemorial antiquity of the degrees of Fellow-Craft and Master Mason.

It is true that the “Memoir” is said to contain an additional letter of Dr. Manningham, written to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Holland direct, but that can at most be corroborative of the one mainly referred to—and in its material portion copied in the present review, under Colorado—because it is this one that Brother Gould himself uses and sums up in acknowledging his change of opinion. As is said elsewhere, the writer hereof has not yet had access to the ‘Memoir’ referred to, and has derived his information concerning it from other sources, but there can be no doubt that its effect is as he has stated it.”

Daniel Noyes (La Porte), G. M.

William H. Smythe (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

20th Communication, McAlester, August 8th, 1893.

Andrew Hardy, G. M.

Five new lodges were formed. They have 55 lodges and 1910 member, an increase of 104. The per capita tax was reduced from one dollar to fifty cents. The business transacted was entirely local in interest.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

Andrew Hardy (Ardmore), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

50th Communication, Davenport, June 6th, 1893.

Ralph G. Phelps, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is one of the best of the year. He reports seven new lodges and a gain in membership of over 600, which is the largest increase they have had in many years. He recommends that every lodge whose membership has fallen below fifteen should be required to show cause why the charter should not be recalled. He also suggests that where lodges neglect to insure their property, the Grand Lodge should do it and collect the premium along with the annual dues. On the state of the lodges, he says :

“The year has been one of active growth among the lodges, of prosperity and of peace. There have been but few complaints against lodge officers, and in such cases an investigation showed that the charge was either not well founded, or satisfactorily atoned for, and I am pleased to say that in the few instances where Masters have been accused of violation of law a careful statement of the nature and facts constituting the offence has been required, and when these were made and presented to the accused for explanation, it has been found that no offence has been committed, or at least but a slight error of judgment which had been exaggerated or misunderstood. If lodge officers will only confer together like brothers there will be few cases requiring discipline.”

On the subject of Masonic schools and the work of the Visiting Custodian, he has the following remarks :

“I am a believer in the system of instruction provided by our law and furnished by the Board of Custodians in this jurisdiction. I believe it leads to a more healthy moral and fraternal growth in Masonry. The Visiting Custodian appointed by that Board, Brother and Past Grand Master George B. Van Saun, has devoted his whole time to this work, and more than the whole time, for he has scarcely omitted a day from the first of September last, and each day has been carried into the night. The report which he is required to make has been filed in my office, and I append a copy hereto. From this you will see that he has visited directly seventy-one lodges, and afforded an opportunity for more than one-half of all the lodges in the state to attend. He has held from three to nine sessions at each school; he has conferred fifty-nine degrees by the request of the particular lodges, and has exemplified the work continually. He has held these gatherings in forty-nine counties in the state, from corner to corner, and from river to river. Of these there have been sixteen larger schools held, continuing for three days and nights, at which an effort has been made, and with fair success, to gather in the surrounding lodges, or the officers in them. I can bear testimony to the labor, the patience, and the zeal which he has shown, and of which those who were present can bear witness. I only regret that the duties of my own office have kept me from attending more of them. I hope that they will be continued in the future, and that some means may be found to bring to them prominent Masons from all parts of the state who shall join in the work and aid and share in

the instruction, not only in the ritual, but in the history, the traditions, and the law of the order."

His views on laying corner stones are good :

"There have been many calls for the performance of our public ceremonies, and these are chiefly the laying of corner stones. The first intimation the newly elected Grand Master receives of the deluge of the duties which will soon overflow him is an invitation to lay the corner stone of a county court house, and this will be at once followed by another, and still another,

" 'Until the air is filled with pinions.'

"I announced to you last year the novel situation of holding three sessions of the Grand Lodge in different cities at the same hour for this purpose. I have lately seen that some authority decides through the pages of fraternal correspondence that this cannot be done. The decision must have been rendered in a Pickwickian sense, for, with the help of kind and accomplished deputies, it *was* done, and I think very successfully and pleasantly. Since then I have learned that other Grand Masters, elsewhere, have in this way committed the impossible likewise. I recall this year fourteen invitations of this character, a large part of which I performed myself, but in all cases have received the kindest assistance. I must mention Brother C. E. Lane and Past Grand Master and Brother Van Saun, and our Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Brother Dewey, and express my thanks to them for help gracefully given when appealed to. But all who were present rendered such cordial help that my thanks are due to all who assisted on these occasions.

"It would seem at times as if the whole people were rising and building, or proposing to rebuild, their public edifices, and wished them laid with our ceremonies. In one week I have had four such calls. They are happy occasions, and I know of no harm that can result from them. I am not certain that much good may follow, although doubtless the keeping of the Masonic name connected with its old renown, by following its former calling and identifying itself with the progress of the times, will be something we should not lightly lay aside.

"On one occasion, where there seemed to be opposition among those who had a right to share in the direction of the work, I refused to allow the Order to be present. We do not intrude our services; we only go where we are asked and desired, and will engage in no strife to obtain this barren crown."

We also quote one of his decisions :

"Again, I have been asked if a candidate could be allowed to explain in what particular God he put his faith and trust. I did not think it necessary. In the revelations of the Great Light before him the brethren of a Masonic Lodge will understand what God is meant, and if the seeker after light means some other deity, if he do not yet know that Dagon has fallen and is broken, that Great Pan is dead, and all the others have crossed the Styx and live only in poetry and mythology, or if he puts his trust in some of these new inventions of the agnostics, caused by dreams and softening of the brain, then he should be left at probation until we progress somewhat or he stumbles on the narrow way."

The Grand Lodges of New South Wales, New Zealand,

South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and Oklahoma were recognized.

The following resolutions were adopted :

" *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed at this communication of the Grand Lodge, who shall be charged with the duty of ascertaining, so far as possible, by correspondence with the several subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, the number who would probably become inmates of a home established for the worthy and needy Masons and the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren; and such committee shall also be charged with the further duty of ascertaining, as fully as practicable, the probable cost of establishing such a home, and the annual cost of maintaining same; also the average cost of each inmate, and report its findings to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

" *And be it further resolved*, That said committee shall investigate and at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge report some permanent plan for extending aid from the Grand Lodge charity fund to our needy brothers, their widows and orphans, living within this jurisdiction.

" WHEREAS, The policy and judgment of this Grand Lodge has for the *fifth* time been declared respecting Scottish Rite Masonry within its jurisdiction, and

" WHEREAS, The question has occupied the time of the sessions of this Grand Lodge to the exclusion of other and important business for five sessions, and to a greater or less extent disturbed the harmony of this jurisdiction during the last five years, therefore be it

" *Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge of Iowa, that it deprecates the reappearance of this element of discord at every session of this body, and recommends that the present law of our Code on this question be regarded as a settled policy of Masonry in this state, and further discussion be ended."

By the adoption of an amendment to the Code, the Grand Representative system was abolished in Iowa.

Bro. T. S. Parvin, after many years of able service, retires from his position as Reporter and introduces his successor the Rev. Bro. J. C. W. Cox. His report covers 128 pages, and the style and erudition displayed in its compilation indicate a worthy addition to our ranks. Canada for 1892 receives a good notice, from which we quote the following paragraph :

"The address of the Grand Master is felicitous in rhetoric, lucid in style, strong in its facts, practical in its suggestions, and in every way is an admirable presentation of a successful year's work. To quote from it *in extenso* is impracticable; an attempt to summarize it would rival Mrs. Partington's attempt to sweep back the Atlantic with a broom. We will touch but a few points among many marked passages."

We also copy with approval his remarks on the useless extravagance sometimes indulged in at Masonic funerals :

"We quite agree with him as to the often too lavish expense incurred in the burial of a brother belonging to another jurisdiction.

Several instances have recently come to our notice where the lodges to which the deceased brethren belonged declined to pay what was considered an excessive bill, and the help of Grand Lodge was invoked to enforce payment—in the name of charity?—or else the remittance was made ungraciously for like reason. Proper respect to the dead does not call for lavish outlay; and when such service is in the name of charity good judgment would indicate a golden mean between niggardliness and extravagance.”

Liberty E. F. Fellows (Lansing), G. M.

T. S. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

KANSAS.

38th Communication, Topeka, Feb'y 21, 1894.

William D. Thompson, G. M.

A large number of prominent brethren delivered suitable memorial addresses on the death of their beloved Grand Secretary, Bro. John H. Brown.

Notwithstanding the cry of hard times, more lodges have had their returns in and paid up promptly this year than in any year since 1890.

Bro. M. M. Miller reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1893. On the appointment of Grand Representatives, he has the following remarks :

“The position of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania rests upon an assumption of authority which does not and never has vested in him absolutely. While Grand Lodges permit Grand Masters full sway in the appointment of Grand Representatives, they nevertheless make them “*by and with the consent*” of the Grand Lodges, and all Grand Masters, even those claiming *paramount* authority, have never dared to make such appointments without referring their action to the Grand Lodge for approval; the “*courtesy of the Grand Lodge*” always approves of course; but because it always has hitherto, is no argument against its ability or power to reject such appointment should it so desire.

“The Grand Master of Pennsylvania must remember that though he might as Master of his lodge be an autocrat, like power does not rest in him as Grand Master. The Grand Lodge is a representative Body, and its edits and laws are determined by the will of the majority of its members.”

Geo. W. Clark (Lyons,) G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka,) G. S.

KENTUCKY.

94th Communication, Louisville, Gct. 17, 1893.

John S. Smith, G. M.

The greatest trouble experienced by the Grand Master was in settling disputes between lodges over jurisdiction and receiving rejected material before the expiration of the required time.

The returns have never been so nearly correct nor so nearly on time. Twelve new lodges were formed.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer we find the following :

"To summarize the work thus far done: I have already held 35 conventions, usually of eight and nine sessions, and of three to four hours' lecturing at each session. Delegates have uniformly requested me to hold three sessions a day, that they might earlier return to their homes and their necessary business. To meet their wants I have accordingly lectured from eight to twelve hours a day. The Craft always gave me undivided attention during these frequent and protracted sessions, and their unflagging interest sustained me in this otherwise exhausting work.

"From my notes I find that I have already met representatives and visitors from 350 to 400 lodges.

"I have also, when occasion required it, at various places delivered public Masonic addresses, and have often met earnest Masonic students during recess at my private rooms and elsewhere, in long continued conference, who seemed never to be tired or satisfied, but ever anxious for more light

"But the results of these few months of labor I leave to time and to the testimony of intelligent Masons to determine. For myself, I can only repeat, I am so far satisfied. I have had my discouragements, but these are not worth mentioning.

"Several districts yet remain which I shall in due time visit, and a few special conventions should yet be held in districts where, owing to the season and other causes, lodges cannot be convened."

A pleasing incident is thus recorded :

"Bro. G. J. W. F. C. Gerard introduced to the Grand Lodge Bro. Jacob F. Weller, President of 'our Home,' and Bro. M. B. Toney, President of the Masonic Home of Tennessee.

"Bro. Toney addressed the Grand Lodge concerning the Masonic Home in Tennessee, and in the course of his remarks, he said that,

"Although for twenty-eight years a Tennessee Mason, yet he first saw the beauties of Masonry in the State of Kentucky. He spoke of his having been shipwrecked on the Ohio river near Warsaw, Ky., December 4, 1868, and having made the swim, losing everything except underclothing, and being chilled through, he was found by a Bro. William Taaffe, who commenced to divest himself of clothing in order to relieve his (Brother Toney's) condition.

"At the conclusion of Bro. Toney's remarks a brother on the opposite side of the hall arose and, addressing the Grand Master, said he was 'the one to whom Brother Toney referred.' Whereupon the Grand Master appointed the brother to conduct Bro. Toney to a seat in the East, and welcomed them as 'our Damon and Pythias.'"

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for their kindness in offering free transportation for all the children of the Kentucky Masonic Home, to and from Chicago, for the purpose of visiting the World's Fair.

The following resolution as to begging circulars was adopted :

"Resolved, That all begging circulars for aid, either written or

printed, not addressed to the lodge to which the applicant belongs, or to members thereof, that does not bear the approval of the Grand Master, be discountenanced. A lodge violating this rule subjects itself to forfeiture of its charter, and a member doing so shall be suspended or expelled by his lodge."

It was decided to continue the system of Grand Representatives.

Bro. W. W. Clarke reports on Correspondence. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

James W. Stanton (Brooksville), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held in the St. Charles Theatre on April 29th, 1893, in memory of the dead brethren, and especially of the Past Grand Masters, who, in the last few years, have departed this life,—Bros. Lobdeil, Whitaker, Girard, Fleming and Hornor. The ceremonies appear to have been performed in public and they are thus described. After the conclusion of the Masonic ceremony suitable addresses were delivered by the Grand Master and other prominent brethren :

"The Masonic Fraternity was called together this evening. This time it was not for feasting and rejoicing. The night was set aside for the remembrance of the dead. St. Charles Theatre was decorated as a hall of mourning, and the sorrow was not confined to the members of the Order. The altar was erected in the public view, and eloquent men spoke within sound of the people. The dress circle was crowded with ladies, and in the body of the theatre were many listeners who had never been taught the secrets of the ancient and honorable craft.

"The Lodge of Sorrow was held under the resolution of the Grand Lodge, and was principally for the eulogy of those who had been the leaders of Masonry in the State but in the proceedings, which are to be published, each lodge will have the privilege of including the names of its dead, as well as the resolutions passed to their memory. It was the first affair of the kind ever held in Louisiana by York Rite Masons, and for that reason the celebration attracted special interest.

'The entrance to the theatre was lined with palms. The interior of the building was magnificently decorated. The boxes were hung with sable drapery. Each gallery was hidden behind massive folds of sable, and from gallery to gallery ran alternate streamers of black and white. From the upper gallery the streamers were conducted to and joined together at the dome, rising like pillars of a mourning temple, and curving into graceful arches to form a crown for the design. The stage setting was a picture. Overhead floated blue canvas emblematic of the heavens. At one end was the throne of the Grand Master, with silver candelabra on either side. Facing it was the station of the Senior Deacon, and the station of the Junior Deacon formed the triangle. In the centre was erected a catafalque, elaborately decorated and ornamented, rising from a base of palms,

and with three immense silver candlesticks shaping a triangle about the bier. In front of the catafalque was the altar of Freemasonry, and resting upon it were an open Bible and the symbols of the Order.

"There was a divine invocation, and thrice the column marched around the tomb. Twice were flowers laid upon the bier, and then the Grand Master placed above the flowers the evergreen leaf for remembrance.

"Through all the music ran a strain of sadness, the masterly melody of sorrow by Beethoven, Schubert, and Meyerbeer, and, as was appropriate to the character of the music, a dozen violins sighed and sobbed the accompaniment to the themes of tears. Triple quartette sang songs to sacred memory. The "Good Night" was the eloquence of song, and "Nearer, My God, to Thee" was its prayer. Hearing it was holy, and hearts were lifted high upon the wings of the anthems and the sentiments they inspired."

82nd Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 12th, 1894.

George W. Bolton, G. M.

On the subject of joint occupancy, he says :

"This question has troubled me as well as my predecessors, and there would seem to be no solution, save to leave the decision in each particular case to the Grand Master, as has been done, or to prohibit it altogether. The restrictions imposed by the Grand Lodge renders it difficult to determine what is best to be done in each instance.

"The request is always based on the plea that the revenue to be derived is needed to sustain the Lodge, or that the Lodge is too weak to own or rent a separate hall.

"From my knowledge of the condition of some of the Lodges in the country I am satisfied these statements are true, but whether 'existence of the Lodge' depends on granting the request is not so easily determined.

"I am satisfied it would be better if the brethren would determine to relieve themselves of the necessity of occupying halls with other organizations as soon as possible.

"While this would involve some sacrifice, possibly extraordinary effort, yet, when done, I am quite sure the brethren would feel that spirit of independence and pride in the fact that they were able, as it were 'to keep house by themselves,' which would in the end be beneficial in building up and strengthening the Lodge in that particular locality.

"The members would feel and appreciate the fact that they had a home of their own, and, as in the affairs of men the privacy of home is considered sacred, so it would be with our Lodges, 'though it be ever so humble, there's no place like home.'

"Arcadia Lodge, No. 126, and Brookville Lodge, No. 161, desired permission to rent their halls, one to the Knights of Pythias, the other to the Knights of Honor, stating that the Lodges were embarrassed with debt, and needed the revenue to assist in paying off the same. From the statements made by the W. M. of each Lodge, and from personal knowledge of the condition of affairs in those localities, I granted the permission asked for, at the same time urged each Lodge to extricate itself from debt as soon as possible, so as to render such requests necessary."

Notwithstanding the financial stringency of the past year, the rate of increase in membership has been as favorable as in the

past and three new lodges were formed. The wisdom of the Grand Lodge in creating the office of Grand Lecturer has been fully demonstrated.

Bro J. Q. A. Fellows again reports on correspondence. Our Proceedings were not received. On the question of the antiquity of the Second and Third degrees, he says :

" We may remark that the Old Regulations have never been considered by us as landmarks, or has having any binding force upon us beyond the examples which they afford by the regulations of the Grand Lodge of England at the time of their adoption, subject to any changes that might be thought for the time to be for the good of the craft. As to questions of history, they are but indications of what was thought at the time to be good usage. We have always been inclined to think that the edition of 1723 was the valid one, and so far as the ancient charges, which are the real landmarks, are concerned, still think so, but see that the edition of 1738, as far as concerns the Regulations, are of greater validity and should prevail over the edition of 1723.

" Each edition (1723 and 1738) are, it seems to us, equally conclusive as to the matters at variance. If the interpretation of Bro. R. F. Gould is the correct one of Article XIII., of the edition of 1723, then there were at that time but two degrees, which, in 1738, had been expanded to three, corresponding to our three degrees—Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master. But there is a doubt as to the correctness of Bro. Gould's interpretation.

" Prior to the last fifty years the *business* of the lodge was invariably conducted while opened in the degree of Entered Apprentice, and, at a time not long prior thereto, Apprentices had a voice in all proceedings of the lodge, except such as particularly pertained to the *degrees* of Fellowcraft and Master.

" It would necessarily follow that all the minutes, where such were recorded, would be almost always silent and exclusive of any reference to the degrees above that of Apprentice. Hence the absence of mention of the degrees of Fellowcraft and Master is no proof of the non-existence of these degrees, and, in fact, the mention, if existing, would be an exception, and hence confirmatory of the past that they actually existed.

" We have always believed, with Bro. Greenleaf, that there were three degrees from the beginning or near thereto, but have never been able to fully digest the facts bearing upon the question, or so as to give a proper and reliable statement of the case. We are looking for the result of further researches in this line of investigation. Many of those who have heretofore written upon this question, and as to the origin and date of the Royal Arch and other degrees, have started out with the idea that all Masonic degrees are of modern origin, and that all have originated within historic times. All these investigations have seemingly, at least, been to prove this idea of modern origin.

" *The ceremonies* in theatrical form have been more or less created or changed within the historical period, but that does not effect the truth of the fact that there were *three steps or degrees* in the ancient working of the Craft."

George H. Packwood (Clinton), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

74th Communication, Portland, May 2, 1893.

An excellent portrait of their late Grand Secretary, Bro. Ira Berry, graces the front of these Proceedings. The venerable brother was evidently a man of great determination. His features indicate clear perceptive faculties, coupled with great kindness of heart.

The Grand Master, Bro. Henry R. Taylor, reports an unusual degree of prosperity in nearly all the Districts. All the visiting officers performed their duties faithfully. Two new lodges were formed under dispensation. They have 191 lodges and 21,487 members, a net gain of 310 and an increase in the average membership from 110 to 112 per lodge. Two new halls were dedicated. One of them is at Liberty and the officiating D D G. M. reports "most interesting ceremonies, a prosperous lodge, a well-furnished and finely frescoed hall, entire ownership of the building and the lodge clear of debt"

The Grand Master, as is usual with Grand Masters, suffered from a plethora of applications for special dispensations :

"Lodge requested permission 'to allow its altar and other furniture to be used,' *i. e.*, removed from the lodge room, 'in order to decorate a dance hall.'" To refusal of this request, words of counsel were appended relative to the prostitution of things masonic and deemed sacred, for any public or 'side-show' enterprises.

"Dispensation was requested by a lodge 'to confer all three degrees same evening.' Reason given—'Candidate could not conveniently be at home more than one or two days in each month.' Not granted. See Section 108 of Constitution. The 'lightning process' for 'teaching masonry' is reprehensible. 'Flash impressions' are seldom lasting upon our optic nerves or upon our symbolic ashlars. '*Emergency*,' as a chain for a dispensation, means '*necessity*,' and not the mere *convenience* either of lodge or candidate.

"Another request, 'to confer *six* degrees upon *six* candidates on the same evening, was likewise refused; but it suggests the propriety of considering Section 105 of Constitution. It reads as follows: 'And no lodge shall confer more than five degrees at the same communication of the lodge, or hold more than one communication upon the same day.' Upon this section there seems to be a difference of opinion regarding 'the interpretation thereof.' How are these 'five degrees' to be apportioned? In 'blocks of *one and four*,' *two and three*?' or "*three and two*"? *One* degree upon *five* candidates? or (in theory exceeding the "blue-lodge three" and by mounting *two steps* of our Chapter stairway) confer *five* degrees upon *one* candidate?

"The 'shalls' and the 'shall-nots' of our constitution should contain no ambiguity of meaning. When their trumpet gives 'an uncertain sound' a 'battle' is too often imminent, and is, indeed, the natural sequence.

"Many requests for dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular course have been made. In three instances (as per list annexed) I have complied with their requests.

"Others have been refused, either for insufficient reasons given me or because no specific reason was assigned.

"With the subject of dispensations, all my predecessors, like myself, have 'wrestled,' and those succeeding me will doubtless continue to 'wrestle' until this 'fateful Antæus' shall be successfully strangled by some future Grand Lodge Hercules.

In his concluding remarks, Bro. Taylor gives some good advice to the Masters of lodges :

"Worshipful Masters, with due sense of your relative stations and efficiency, may your true allegiance to Masonry and a just conception of its obligations induce you, as in the past, to continue steadfast 'in well doing.' Manifest your devotion by judicious government, affectionate care, and untiring solicitude for the reputation, integrity and welfare of your respective lodges.

"Allow me to outline upon our common trestle-board, designs which you, as skillful craftsmen, may in your wisdom elaborate, harmonize or perfect.

"First carefully select all material submitted to your inspection, or admitted among the craft.

"Second, encourage, cultivate and promote, among all the members of your lodge, that brotherly love which is 'the bond of perfectness.'

"Third, render the lodge-meetings pleasant, instructive and profitable; and,

"Lastly, forget not that under our Divine Master, while each is the Architect of his own life, we are yet laboring with hopeful and earnest purpose, to 'bear one another's burdens,' to alleviate sorrow and distress, and to humanize and elevate our fellowmen. Ignorance may oppose, bigotry may assail, or jealousy may malign us, but our time-honored institution SHALL STAND!

'The wrong shall fail,

The right prevail

With 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"

In this jurisdiction they have a Committee on the History of Masonry in Maine, whose duties will be explained by the following parts of their reports :

"Your Committee on the History of Masonry in Maine has again called the attention of the lodges to the requirements of Standing Regulation No. 2, and with very satisfactory results. A good number of histories have been received, and your committee is especially pleased to note that the proportion of printed ones is increasing. Several histories are yet in preparation; and it seems evident, in some of these cases at least, that the delay is caused by a desire to do thorough work and to produce histories that shall be complete and reliable. * * *

"The histories of several Masonic organizations outside of the State have been received by the Committee on Library.

"Your chairman wishes also to record the interesting fact that he has traced the records of the old Ionic Lodge, established at Steuben by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; and has received them complete, as a gift, from the generous hand of Mr. H. C. SHAW, a native of Steuben, but now a resident of Stockton, California.

"Your committee acknowledges the valuable assistance of the District Deputy Grand Masters in impressing upon the lodges the importance of preparing their histories; and would recommend that

these officers make this matter a special subject of remark in their official visits."

The Standing Regulation, No. 2, above referred to, was passed in 1866, and provides that after all the lodges shall have furnished their histories to the present time, it shall be their duty, once in ten years, commencing in 1870, to furnish their history for the preceding decade or so much as shall be lacking. It is none too soon for our Grand Lodge to take same steps in this direction. A few of our older lodges have their history printed with the By laws and it would be well if all of them were at all events written up, so that the future Historian of Masonry in Ontario will have the materials ready for use.

The report of Bro. Drummond for the Committee on Jurisprudence shows the evolution of one section of their Constitution, that 'no lodge shall confer more than five degrees at the same communication of the lodge or hold more than one communication upon the same day.'

"The committee are at a loss to understand how there can be any doubt as to the meaning of this provision. Probably it is because they have been so long familiar with it and with the construction of it always given.

"The provision in substance is a very old one, having been incorporated in the Old Regulations.

"To understand the object of it, it is well to refer to the object of the 'work.' It should be borne in mind that the 'work' is a *means* and not an *end*. The work is designed as a means to teach the principles of the institution. The idea underlying it has always been that the constant repetition of the work would impress upon the minds of candidates and of the members the principles and teachings of Freemasonry. Besides this, the work was transmitted by oral teaching, and its constant repetition was designed in order that the brethren might learn the work.

"For these reasons, it was always assumed that the work would be conferred upon only one candidate at a time, and such a thing as a 'class' was never heard of in ancient times. But at a very early date it was deemed expedient to restrict the amount of work to be done at one meeting, and so the Old Regulation provides that no more than five brethren shall be made at the same time. When the system of degrees was fully established, the prohibition was applied to degrees, that no more than five degrees should be conferred at the same communication of the lodge. But in process of time lodges grew anxious to do more work than the Old Regulation allowed, and it came to the knowledge of the Grand Lodge in this State that some lodges had evaded the provision by holding two or more communications on the same day or evening, and thereupon the clause was added that no more than one communication should be held the same day. A lodge cannot confer degrees on two or more candidates at the same time and call it one degree any more than it can charge but a single fee for five candidates instead of five fees for the degrees. The provision means that the lodge cannot confer more than five degrees at one meeting, but the five may be made up in any way that

the lodge chooses. It may confer the first degree five times, the second degree five times or the third degree five times, or they may confer all three degrees, but in such manner that the *whole number of degrees conferred shall not exceed five.*"

Our provision is still in the old form, "That no lodge shall on any pretence make more than five new brothers in one day."

Bro. Josiah H. Drummond again reports on correspondence. In his review of Canada for 1892, he says that our Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson, has achieved what he thinks no other has done in so extensive a jurisdiction or one having an equal number of lodges and that the benefit of his visitations is shown throughout our Proceedings almost on every page. Bro. Drummond supplements an extract about laying corner-stones with an experience of his own :

"It has been discovered within the past year that a fraud was perpetrated upon the Grand Lodge of Maine thirty years ago when the writer was Grand Master. It was invited by proper authority to lay a memorial stone, with the consent of the General Government, in the walls of Fort Popham, and it performed the duty accordingly. It has now transpired that the object of the originators of the scheme was to draw a crowd to magnify the celebration of an event bearing upon a controverted historical question. A proper memorial stone was prepared and laid in apparently its permanent resting place, with masonic ceremonies. But after the celebration was over, the stone was taken away boarded over and left lying on the ground in an out of the way place, where it has lain ever since, and still lies. To a few of the originators this was known in advance but was not known to the Grand Lodge nor to the Executive Committee of the Maine Historical Society, under whose auspices and by whose invitation the Grand Lodge acted. The intention was that the stone should be placed in a prominent position in the wall of the Fort, but as the work had not advanced for enough to allow it to be laid in its intended place, the scheme was contrived to have it laid in another place, and after the celebration was over to remove it. The change in the method of constructing forts, brought about soon after, prevented carrying out the plan to have it laid in the wall, and so it remains among the rubbish."

He has the following compliment for our District Deputies :

"Ninety-two pages of fine print are given to these Reports in the volume before us; and we feel bound to say that while all may not come up to the Grand Master's ideal, it is rare indeed that so true a picture of the actual condition of the lodges is laid before a Grand Lodge. It is true that the grounds for the Grand Master's criticism are disclosed upon examining the reports, but in spite of these drawbacks, as a whole, they are quite models. There is occasionally a little 'pretty talk' that gives no information but generally the reports are concise and to the point; every lodge in the jurisdiction, save two, may see itself in print as the Deputy saw it."

Bro. Drummond is with us in believing that attending church or Masonic balls in Masonic clothing should be suppressed, as its only effect is to advertise Masonry.

On the coast of Maine, arms of the sea intervene between the residence of candidates and the nearest lodge, so that the usually travelled-route law prevails instead of the air-line law.

We also make the following extracts from this excellent report :

" Well, yes ; by mutual arrangement, the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, Grand Council of High Priesthood and other organizations hold and conclude their their annual meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the first week in May : the coat room is under the charge of the Grand Tyler (who is Superintendent of the Masonic halls), and taking it all in all, he and his three assistants are pretty busy men during those three days. * * *

" We fully concur in this report ; the Regulations of the Grand Lodge evidently limit permanent membership in the Grand Lodge to Past Grand Officers of that jurisdiction ; but we do not think that such *ought to be* the law. Considering the universality of Masonry, which the report recognizes in according the honors acquired in other jurisdictions, we hold that a Past Grand Master is a Past Grand Master, not of a certain State, but in Masonry, and that wherever he goes he should, under the same conditions, have all the rights and powers as the Past Grand Masters who acquired the honor in that jurisdiction. * * *

" A question had arisen between the Grand Master and the Grand Master of Texas. A brother received one degree in Mississippi, and removed to Texas, and was desirous of taking the other degrees. But Mississippi law will not allow the lodge to waive jurisdiction, and Texas law will not allow its lodge to confer degrees as the proxy of another lodge. So the poor E. A. is hung up. Maine is with Texas ; and we are beginning to think that the recent doctrine, that when a candidate has lived in a jurisdiction the time required by its laws, it may take jurisdiction over him, whether profane, E. A. or Fellow Craft, without reference to his antecedent relations, is not wholly unsupported by sound reasons ! * * *

" The Committee on Lodges recommend striking out of the by-laws of a lodge the word 'stated,' as applied to communications, and inserting instead the word 'regular.' In the old records of our lodge the word is 'regular' ; but at the first communication of our Grand Lodge which we ever attended a brother moved that the use of 'regular' be prohibited and the word 'stated' be substituted for it, for the reason that the use of 'regular communications' implied that there were '*irregular* communications.' The Grand Lodge adopted the motion and 'stated' has been the word ever since. As the word referred to time only, the force of the argument was not appreciated by us *then* and never has been since. We have always regretted the change. * * *

" Referring to a decision that an E. A., removing into another Grand Jurisdiction, cannot be advanced in his own lodge, without the consent of the Grand Jurisdiction into which he has removed, he says that he cannot reconcile it with his views of the law ; nor can we. While courtesy may approve giving notice and weighing any objection that may be made, the law as heretofore maintained does not require it. But we are constrained to note a tendency towards the ignoring of all jurisdiction of a lodge over candidates, whether

rejected or accepted, whether they have received a part of the degrees or not, after they have moved out of the Grand Jurisdiction in which the lodge is located: and more than that, a movement has been recently started looking towards requiring every mason to be a member of a lodge in the state of his residence; one or more Grand Lodges have already gone so far as to adopt a law forbidding resident masons from becoming members of lodges in other jurisdictions. The real cause for this is found in the 'for business reasons' policy that is making such inroads upon the Masonry of the fathers." * * *

"He questions the correctness of our distinction between 'landmarks' and 'fundamental principles,' but does not fully deny it. We hold that, strictly speaking, landmarks are immemorial usages rather than principles, except that certain 'principles' are recognized as fundamental by immemorial usage. A landmark in Masonry, in our view, is '*set up*' by usage. * * *

"Representatives of Grand Lodges are not the channel of correspondence. Their mission is to cultivate closer *fraternal* relations, without interfering with *business* relations. We think they serve a good purpose in resisting the present tendency towards changing Masonry from a Brotherhood to a number of organizations professing the same principles but differing in methods, polity and laws.

"Formerly they were appointed by the Grand Master of the jurisdiction represented: he usually selected, when possible (and it almost always *was* possible), some brother known to the craft in the Grand Master's jurisdiction and who knew some of them. For example, Maine was once represented in many jurisdictions by 'Sons of Maine.' But gradually the system was reversed. Grand Masters, called upon to nominate, have naturally enough desired to compliment some deserving brother, and, therefore, nominated him without stopping to inquire whether he knew a single brother in the jurisdiction he was to represent or not. There have been exceptions; brethren thus appointed have taken pains to become acquainted with their constituents; but, as a rule, the appointment has been taken as a mere compliment, imposing no duties and conferring no benefits. Therefore, in view of the fact that the system, as now administered, is of so little value, and moreover has in several instances been the cause of dissensions, we are entirely willing to have it abolished. * * *

"The law of Wyoming merely prohibits non-affiliates from visiting lodges more than twice a year: and yet they have little or no cause to complain: does it not occur to our brother that the same is likely to be true elsewhere?

"The object of drastic measures is to *compel* masons to affiliate: the effort is to make it so much for their *personal mercenary interest* to be members, that they will be, although they have no desire to be. When we compare laws of this character with the form of petition for initiation, it makes us sick at heart. We require them to be 'uninfluenced by mercenary motives' in order to get in, but once in, we undertake to keep them in by appealing in the strongest terms to mercenary motives. Upon the larger part of non-affiliates, such laws have no effect whatever; those who are influenced by them and are made or kept members by compulsion, are of no value whatever; they are a positive injury to the lodge; they reduce the average of interest, fraternal feeling and union of the membership of the lodge; it is better for Masonry that they should be *out* of the lodge rather than *in* it.

"Men make mistakes; they think they are uninfluenced by

mercenary motives and are prepared *in their hearts* to be made masons, when they are not; they are admitted and become masons in *name* but not in *fact*: they weary of the duties attendant upon lodge membership and dimit. The Almighty never qualified such men to be masons, and the attempt to do so by human laws, is as ridiculous as it is futile. It is as much beneath the dignity of the institution to undertake to hold unwilling members as it is to proselyte profanes, and equally in violation of its underlying principle.

"As the institution is a human one and its members human, there will necessarily be more or less of the class which we have described. The question is what shall we do with them? The evil is not in non-affiliation; the evil is that non-affiliates do not take the interest in Masonry which their becoming masons gave us the right to expect, and which their duty demands; the same thing is true of very many other masons; there are also many good men in the community whose admission would benefit us; but we should never dream of *compelling* these good men to join us, even if the laws of Masonry did not prohibit it; nor would we dream of arousing or increasing the interest of the second class, by compulsion; why, then, pursue such a course with the first class?

"These two classes of masons differ only in degree, and the only remedy in either case is the old Masonic one; of course, if a mason does not contribute to lodge funds, he should receive aid from lodge funds only in extraordinary and exceptional cases; but we believe that they and those of the second class should be encouraged to visit lodges, and that the other usual Masonic means should be used to arouse their interest in Masonry. In this way only can they be made masons of any benefit to the Fraternity.

"We insist upon this course the more earnestly because we have found that many non-affiliates are ready to perform their Masonic duties towards individual mason as fully as affiliates.

"But non affiliation exists, and, of necessity, must continue to exist; it is a negative evil only, as non-action and want of interest in other matters are evils; the remedy for it is precisely the same as for want of proper interest in the membership of lodges.

"Then let us have a rest in this everlasting bewailing and denouncing of the 'gigantic evil of non-affiliation'; they cast a stigma upon the institution itself, when often 'the fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves.' If a policy must be adopted, let it be the let-alone policy; let us do our duties, and the resulting influence will have more effect than all the compulsory laws ever enacted.

"We would ask Bro. KUYKENDALL what possible difference there would be in the effect upon Freemasonry between a brother's holding a dimit in force and holding one not in force? What difference in effect upon the holder?

"We repeat: we would be glad to have all good material made masons; we would be glad to have all masons affiliates; we would be glad to have all affiliates take a lively, active interest in Masonry; but none of these things will ever happen; we do not, therefore, propose to spend our time and labor bewailing and growling about it; we have enough to do in performing our own active duties, and at the same time we have the consolation of knowing that in no *other* way can we do so much to aid in the realization of our wishes in respect to others. * * *

"We are beginning to regret the leniency which the Grand Lodge

of Quebec has shown, in common with other Grand Lodges. We are beginning to think that the only way of bringing these lodges and their members to a sense of their masonic duty was to have treated them as irregular and clandestine. If they had been so declared and in consequence been excluded from all masonic associations, it might have opened their eyes. We do not find that the Grand Lodge took any action. * * *

"He repeats and endorses the opinion expressed by Bro. ISAAC H. STEARNS, when Grand Master, that if the Grand Master should select the Deputies instead of confirming the nomination made by the Representatives, the efficiency of those officers would be increased. We think so too. We will add that the method thus endorsed prevails in Maine: but the Grand Master consults, necessarily, with the Representatives from each district; we say 'necessarily' because he has not sufficient acquaintance to be able to select them without assistance; but he obtains the different views and not the mere choice of the majority.

"He says that the organization of the 'Gran Dieta' was not the result of a convention of Masons. We do not quite see how a 'Gran Dieta' can be organized without a convention of Masons, and we regret that Bro. CHISM does not tell us how it was done. But while we cannot accept his statement as conclusive, it shows that we ought to have the official proceedings of the organization before attempting to pass upon the validity of the body. He alleges that the Gran Dieta practices (according to the statement of its Grand Secretary) 'Universal Masonry.' The constitution ought to settle that point.

"He alleges that the differences in the ritual of the lodges of the obedience of the Gran Dieta and that of our lodges are so essential as to prevent recognition. This is a matter of the last importance and should be investigated fully before acting upon the question of recognition.

"He states that the Gran Dieta holds Masonic correspondence and visitation with a lodge in the City of Mexico working under the Grand Orient of France; and moreover, he claims, in effect, that no 'Book of the Law' is used in the lodges. If these allegations are correct there is an end of recognition. * * *

"The examination of these Proceedings has inclined our mind towards the conclusion that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge of Maine to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as a regular Grand Lodge, entitled under Masonic law and usage to exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in that colony.

"An examination of the broadside, which we have mentioned, removes our remaining doubts. The anonymous author is so reckless in his assertions, that they are absolutely unreliable, and make against the conclusion at which he wishes us to arrive. Of course, the effusions of an anonymous newspaper scribbler ought not, as a rule, to affect injuriously the cause which he advocates; but in this particular case, the broadside is circulated manifestly, by the parties whom he represents, so that the opponents of the new Grand Lodge, by thus adopting *his* statement as *their* statement, become themselves responsible.

"It has been difficult to ascertain with certainty the number of the old lodges which have given in their adhesion to the new Grand Lodge. What made it difficult was the extraordinary action of the Grand Lodge of England. In previous cases, and at first in this case, that Grand Lodge held to the universally recognized Masonic law,

that the voice of the majority is the voice of the lodge upon the question of organizing a Grand Lodge; but afterwards, by affirmative action, adopted a law reversing its position upon this question, and *even made it retroactive*; and, thereupon, opponents of the new Grand Lodge of the type of the writer of this broadside, set themselves at work, and in quite a number of cases induced brethren enough to hold the charter, under the new law, to organize and *call themselves* the lodge. It was quite difficult to get at the details in these cases of dual lodges sufficiently to determine which ought to be recognized.

"But it is now certain that a large majority of the *nominally* existing lodges, and a larger majority of those *actually* existing, have given in their adhesion to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

"These documents are received after the communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine for 1893 (although before our report is completed), so that no action can be had this year; but we believe that at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine it should extend full recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, as very many of the American Grand Lodges have already done."

Horace H. Burbank (Saco), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

18th Communication, Winnipeg, June 14, 1893.

David J. Goggin, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft, he says:

"Brethren, we have added 150 names to our roll this year. Our ritual and ceremonial work and our methods of business are perhaps more satisfactory than at any former period. These are useful means to great ends, but perfection in these may indicate a soulless Phariseism. I do not despise them or even belittle them when I say that they are not the essence of Masonry. I desire now to plead for the spirit rather than the form, for the practice rather than the profession."

"Winnipeg Lodges are voting \$25 each per annum to establish a general library in connection with their present excellent reading room. Bow River Lodge No. 28, is establishing a reading room in its commodious new hall. Ancient Landmark has had a number of lectures on travels, etc., given at stated intervals to its members and their wives, children and friends. Many of the Lodges have had evenings devoted to the hearing of good music. Thus to a limited extent has instruction been afforded in some of those liberal arts 'that tend to polish and adorn the mind.'"

Belmont Lodge, No. 13, has its Freemasons' Hospital, a well-equipped institution, as evidence of its devotion to another phase of masonic work. Glenwood's conversazione made Brandon Hospital richer by \$150. The managers of the Children's Home in Winnipeg have evidence that their brethren in that city do not forget the orphan in distress. An examination of our statistical tables will show, for I have not time to go into further detail, how much help in this way has been given by brethren 'who cheerfully embrace the opportunity of practising that virtue which every Mason professes to admire.'"

New Lodges were formed at Edmonton and Melita.

They have 48 lodges and 2,142 members, an increase of 150.
David J. Goggin (Regina), G. M.
William G. Scott (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

Semi-annual communication, Baltimore, May 9, 1893.

Thomas J. Shryock, G. M.

The lodges throughout the jurisdiction are in a healthy and prosperous condition, financially and otherwise.

Their reconstructed Temple is about completed, and they will have a home worthy of the Craft and one of which they may well feel proud.

In the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address we find the following :

"Twenty-five years have elapsed since the corner-stone of the new Temple was laid, and during most of that period we were too uncertain of our ability to hold it, and too much discouraged in grappling with its heavy debt to entertain the proposition of dedication. But now that the building has been reconstructed, and the debt put in manageable shape, so that we are no longer uncertain of our tenure, it is right and proper that it should be dedicated with rejoicing."

Bro. Edward T. Schultz reports on Correspondence and gives several extracts from our Proceedings for 1892.

A special communication was held at Baltimore on the 12th September, 1893, for the purpose of dedicating the new Temple, at which the oration was delivered by Bro. Richard Vaux, P. G. M. of Pennsylvania. This volume contains a series of photos of the restored Temple and its beautiful rooms.

107th communication, Baltimore, Nov. 21, 1893.

The Grand Master thus speaks of their financial condition :

"I regret, owing to the extreme pressure of business since the completion of the Temple, that I have not been able to present to you through the Board of Managers a detailed statement of the cost of its reconstruction. At the May communication the whole matter will be closed up and I will be able at that time through the Board to present a detailed statement of the entire cost of the work. As far as I can judge at present, the same will be between \$200,000 and \$225,000. The floating indebtedness, over and above the amount of bonds issued of \$100,000, will be between \$35,000 and \$40 000. At a first glance it might be supposed that this floating indebtedness would embarrass the Grand Lodge, but I am most happy to inform you that such is not the case. It has been entirely provided for by the Board of Managers and the Grand Treasurer informs me that within the next thirty days we will not owe a dollar to any one employed in the construction of the building.

"The income of the Grand Lodge is largely increased, and the Board of Managers have set aside the rent of the stores in the Temple for the payment of the interest on the bonds, it being ample for that purpose. The entire income of the Grand Lodge from other

sources will be devoted to the liquidation of the floating debt and current expenses. We trust to be able with the increased income of the Grand Lodge, which has been gradual and healthy, within the next four or five years to entirely wipe out the floating indebtedness. At the same time the Board of Managers have constantly in view the object of wiping out the old stock debt. In the judgment of the Grand Master the finances of the Grand Lodge are in first-class condition, and the craft need have no anxiety on this account."

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G. M.

Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G. M.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Quarterly Communication, March 9, 1892.

The Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that they had just passed the centennial anniversary of the union of the Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges in Massachusetts, which took place on the 5th of March, 1792, and his narrative of the secession and subsequent union, we find the following interesting historical information :

"The first organization established in this country, under authority of a warrant issued under the new system, so far as we now know, was the Provincial Grand Lodge organized at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, in King street, in Boston, on the 30th of July, 1733, by Henry Price, by virtue of a Deputation granted by Viscount Montague, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England. Under this authority the 'Father of Freemasonry in America' immediately proceeded to make Masons, and on the thirty-first of the following month he constituted the first regularly warranted lodge in America, under the title of the First Lodge in Boston, which still flourishes in a green old age under the name of Saint John's Lodge, of Boston. The Provincial Grand Lodge has been similarly christened, and is commonly referred to as the Saint John's Grand Lodge. For the first half century of their existence the history of these two organizations, so far as we know it, seems to have been curiously intermingled. The Records of one Body frequently report transactions of the other. The lodge was often called the 'Mother Lodge,' and Brother Gardner says its Records 'gave a better account of Masonry in Boston than the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and minute and full accounts of the progress of the Craft here were set out upon its pages.'

"On the 15th of February, 1749, Grand Master Oxnard 'constituted in due form with the usual solemnity' the Second Lodge in Boston. On the 7th day of February, 1783, Grand Master Rowe granted the petition of 'a committee in behalf of the First and Second Lodges of St. John,' setting forth 'that it will be for the benefit of Masonry that they be united in one Lodge,' and promising 'that they will resign all powers by which they acted in those separate capacities, being desirous to form a complete and independent union.' It appears by the Records of this Grand Lodge that an 'Ancient Charter' was actually surrendered, for on the 13th of December, 1826, the Grand Lodge voted to grant the prayer of the petition that the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge be directed 'to

deliver to the presiding Master of St. John's Lodge, of this city, the original Charter of said Lodge, which was surrendered to this Grand Lodge about the year 5783.' Whether the Charter referred to was the warrant of the First or Second Lodge is not known. It is believed to be lost beyond all hope of recovery. Had it remained in the custody of the Grand Lodge, the interesting and valuable relic would probably have been preserved with our Records, and thus escaped destruction. * * *

"A few years after the establishment of the first duly authorized Provincial Grand Lodge in this country, by Henry Price, there broke out in England a division in the Fraternity, which spread far and wide and caused great bitterness and discord. The seceders styled themselves 'Ancient Masons' and nick-named those from whom they had withdrawn 'Modern Masons.' This shrewd advice was so vigorously and persistently insisted upon that the older and original organization and its adherents have ever since been known as 'Moderns' while the seceders and schismatics have enjoyed the title of 'Ancients.' Henry Price and his associates adhered to the fortunes of their founders and were called 'Moderns,' but they were not long permitted to have their field to themselves.

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland, although independent, and not directly interested or concerned in the division which had occurred in the English Fraternity, leaned strongly from the beginning to the side of the seceders, and soon came to be regarded as 'Ancients.' Certain Boston Brethren, most of whom had been initiated in our First Lodge, applied to that Grand Lodge for a Charter, which was granted, and bears date November 30, 1756. For fifty years the new and the old organizations worked side by side, experiencing similar trials and tribulations to those which so seriously vexed the two factions in the mother country. Repeated overtures were made by both parties here for a reconciliation and a perfect union, but without success.

"In 1769 the Grand Lodge of Scotland issued a deputation to Joseph Warren as Provincial Grand Master, and under its authority he established, on the 27th of December in that year, the Provincial Grand Lodge known as the Massachusetts, or Ancient Grand Lodge. This organization held its meetings regularly, with the exception of the interval from March 3, 1775, to December 27, 1776. It will be remembered that during that period occurred the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, the death of the Grand Master, the occupation of Boston for a year, and the consequent confusion and dispersion of the Craft. A single volume, now in the archives of this Grand Lodge contains the entire Record of that Body from December 27, 1769, until March 6, 1792. On the 8th of March, 1777, they elected 'a Grand Master for this State, in the Room of our late worthy Grand Master WARREN, dec'd,' and thus was established the first independent Grand Lodge on this continent.

"The Revolutionary War practically ended with the surrender of Cornwallis on the 19th of October, 1781, but the treaty of peace was not actually signed until the 3rd of November, 1783. The establishment of the independent Grand Lodge had given rise to much disagreement and discussion upon the question of its Masonic regularity. But the political differences having been brought to a happy conclusion, the Masonic debates soon ceased. The Craft eagerly welcomed thoughts of peace, harmony and union. They became weaned from the Mother Grand Lodges and learned to walk alone. Only St.

Andrew's Lodge clung to its early associations and refused to be separated from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

"Massachusetts Grand Lodge (Ancients) met regularly, and the Record is in our archives, as has been stated. The Record of St. John's Grand Lodge (Moderns) reports only one meeting in 1790, and one in 1791. At the first-named meeting, July 29, 1790, the Senior Grand Warden, John Cutler, being in the chair, the Record recites that 'Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in His wisdom, to take hence the Right Worshipful Grand Master and many other of the Grand Officers of this Lodge; the Brethren present taking the same into their serious consideration, voted unanimously to proceed to the choice of new Grand Officers.' They accordingly elected a Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The record does not inform us why a Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden were not elected at that time. It seems probable that a Grand Master was not chosen for the reason that a union of the two Grand Lodges was believed to be very near, and it may have been thought inexpedient to place in that office, for a brief period, the brother whom they hoped to see placed at the head of the united Grand Lodge. Their Senior Grand Warden was greatly beloved and honored by all parties. Out of respect they may have refrained from going through the form of an election to the office he then held, thus leaving him more eligible for higher position in the expected organization.

"The subject of union had been under consideration for several years. Plans had been proposed and overtures had been made by each Grand Lodge. On the 5th of March, 1792, special sessions were held by each, a constitution was adopted, and several electors were appointed by each to make choice of Grand Officers. The electors immediately proceeded to discharge the duty assigned them, and reported to their respective bodies that they had unanimously agreed upon the following named 'Brethren as the first officers of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: John Cutler, Grand Master; Josiah Bartlett, Grand Senior Warden; Mungo Mackay, Grand Junior Warden; Samuel Parkman, Grand Treasurer; and Thomas Farrington Grand Secretary.' Brother Bartlett represented Massachusetts Grand Lodge, while all the others were taken from St. John's. Each Grand Lodge passed the necessary votes for closing up its affairs, and, as the record informs us, St. John's Grand Lodge was 'closed in due form' and Massachusetts Grand Lodge was 'dissolved.'"

At the quarterly Communication on June 8, 1892, a proposition to increase the initiation fees was received and referred to a committee.

The presence of three venerable brethren in the Grand Lodge was appropriately acknowledged, Bro. John K. Hall, 84, Bro. Thomas Adams, 90, and Bro. Lucius R. Paige, 90 years of age, and a letter was read from a fourth brother, Charles Breck, aged over 94 years.

Quarterly Communication, Dec. 14, 1892.

In the address of the Grand Master, Bro. Samuel Wells, we find the following paragraphs. We are glad to notice that he is on record against "perpetual jurisdiction: "

"During the past year I have had my attention called in several cases to the provisions of our Grand Constitutions, which require a rejected applicant before applying for initiation in a Lodge other than that in which he was rejected, to obtain a written recommendation from six members of such Lodge, of whom the Master and Wardens shall be three. There is no limit of time which frees an applicant from this provision, and it follows him as long as he lives. There are many cases in which this claim of "perpetual jurisdiction" becomes an unjust burden, and I recommend for your consideration the question of limiting it to a certain term of years.

"Brethren, in reaching the close of my official career in the position which I have had the honor and pleasure to hold, by your suffrages, for the past three years, I give you my congratulations upon the prosperity of this Grand Body.

"Owing to the faithful labors of my predecessors in this office, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has reached a position of power and usefulness beyond the dreams of its founders. Its financial condition is assured, its constituency is composed of the best and strongest men in the Commonwealth. Owing to this condition of prosperity, the three years past have been the most tranquil and smooth in the history of the Grand Lodge. May the good ship continue to sail on placid and quiet seas, free from storms without, or troubles within safe from shipwreck or lightning stroke, so long as time shall last."

The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated out of the surplus receipts of the past year to "The Masonic Education and Charity Trust," and \$500 was voted to the committee on Charity.

The minimum initiation fee for the lodges in Boston was fixed at \$50, and the other lodges are to arrange their fees according to the following amendment to the Constitution :

"Wherever two or more Lodges are located in any city or town, except Boston, they shall agree upon a minimum fee of not less than twenty-five dollars; and in case they cannot agree, the fee shall be fixed by the Grand Master. These regulations shall apply to all candidates admitted after March 1, 1893, and no reduction shall be made in the fees for degrees required by a Lodge, excepting by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall charge less than twenty-five dollars for the degrees, or take a note of hands for the fees, or grant any time of credit therefore, or confer any degree gratuitously or without the regular charge therefor, or return any fees after the three degrees have been conferred."

A committee was appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a Masonic Home for the aged Masons and the wives, widows and orphan children of Masons.

Quarterly Communication, March 8, 1893.

The following constitutional amendment was adopted :

"Sect. 11. The fees for initiation, crafting and raising shall entitle the applicant to membership in the Lodge which accepts his application, without further charge or ballot."

Quarterly Communication, June 14, 1893.

The request for recognition of the Symbolic Grand Diet of the United States of Mexico was not granted, as their latest advices led them to believe that Masonry in the sister Republic is not yet in that condition of harmony that would warrant recognition of any of their so-called Grand Bodies.

Quarterly Communication, Sept. 13, 1893.

Bro. Richard Briggs, who had been installed Grand Master in the December previous, died suddenly after a brief illness on the 26th July, 1893, to the great sorrow of all the Fraternity. For more than one hundred years the Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge have all lived through their terms of office, and not since 1787 has this Body been called to mourn the loss of a Grand Master in office.

The perpetual jurisdiction clause was referred to a committee for revision. The time limit will probably be seven years in the future.

Quarterly Communication, Boston, Dec. 13, 1893.

Harvey N. Shepard, D. G. M., acting as Grand Master.

The lodges are in excellent condition, and the Craft continues to gain in membership and influence. The Charters are well preserved and carefully guarded. The records are kept admirably, and the exemplifications of the ritual grows in interest and impressiveness every year, besides becoming more uniform. The examination of candidates is more generally observed. The use of appropriate music adds much to the interest and impressiveness of the services. There are 232 lodges, five of which are in foreign countries. These foreign lodges are located in Valparaiso (two), Santiago, Concepcion and Shanghai, but they do not appear to have made any returns for the past year. There are 32,936 members, an increase of 1251.

The usual annual grant of \$10,000 was voted to the Education and Charity Trust, and \$500 to the committee on Charity.

Otis E. Weld (Boston), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

30th Communication, Saginaw, January 23, 1894.

George E. Dowling, G. M.

Among the obituary notices he has the following remarks on P. G. M. General William P. Innes, who died on the 2nd of August last, aged 67. Bro. Innes was for a long time a most prominent member of the corps of correspondents and was greatly loved and esteemed:

"Past Master Innes was an ideal man. I knew him intimately

and well. His commanding form and ever pleasant face were highly attractive. As a husband and father he was ever kind, considerate and loving. As a citizen he was patriotic, generous and true. As a soldier he was gallant and brave. As a Mason he was, possibly next to 'Our Hugh,' the crowning pride of Michigan Masonry.

"His Masonic history, if fully written, would almost be the history of Michigan Masonry. He had held the highest official positions in all of the Masonic Grand Bodies—Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He was also Grand Secretary of all these bodies for some seventeen to twenty years, and it was in this position and as chairman of the committees on Foreign Correspondence, that General Innes developed his wonderful abilities as a thinker and writer. His name and fame are known among Masons in every civilized country on the globe where the shibboleth of Masonry is correctly pronounced, and will be remembered until the last present living Mason has joined the silent majority."

We quote three of the decisions of the Grand Master :

"7. Question. Will you give us permission to allow other societies to meet in our Lodge room temporarily until they can get other places, as the building occupied by several other societies burned last night, they losing everything.

"Answer. No, I cannot. Section 3, Article 20 of Grand Lodge Regulation is prohibitory, and I have no authority to set aside the Regulations.

"8. Question. We desire to procure a dispensation from the Grand Master permitting us to allow the Lodge of I. O. O. F. to occupy our hall (at least for a time.)

"The reason for asking the favor is that we are now paying a rental of \$250 per annum which is more than we can possibly pay, and we will loose our Hall unless we can arrange to meet the demands of our landlord for a raise in part by allowing the I. O. O. F. Lodge to occupy the hall with us.

"Answer. Grand Lodge Regulations, Section 3, Article 20 is prohibitory. There is no power vested in me to abrogate or set aside the Regulations.

"I cannot grant the dispensation asked for.

"(I have quoted these two last decisions as specimens of about twenty-five similar ones rendered. merely to call your attention to what I believe would be a reform in our Rules and Regulations. When we burn out, we are glad to accept the kind offices of other societies, and the Grand Master is permitted to grant a dispensation authorizing joint occupancy but when the other fellows burn out, they have no place with us whereon to lay their heads.

"Therefore I submit to you the question that inasmuch as we accept the kind favors of other societies, whether or no we should not extend the same favors to them under such regulations as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may prescribe.)" * * *

"12. Question. We wish to let a Canadian Lodge have the use of our hall one evening to exemplify their work according to their ritual on their own candidates. Our Lodge would not be opened, we would simply be visitors in our hall.

"In return, we wish to go over there and exemplify our work on our candidate. We would open our lodge in hall, call off, cross over

to her Majesty's dominions, call on and confer the degree on our candidate according to our ritual; call off, return home, call on and close. On that evening the Canadian brethren would simply be visitors in their own hall.

"Can we follow our above plan?"

"Answer. No. Your charter must always be present in your Lodge room when you are convened for work or business and I do not remember any Masonic Law or regulation authorizing the taking of a Michigan Masonic Charter to Canada."

The returns of the lodges show a gratifying increase in membership and a good record of work done during the year. Two new lodges were formed. The membership is now 35,517; increase, 1,045. The largest amount of work done by any lodge was by Joppa Lodge, at Bay City, having raised 50 and conferred 140 degrees, and rejected 15 candidates. Their largest lodge is at Grand Rapids, with 578 members. It is the fourth largest lodge in the States, being surpassed only by Minneapolis, No. 19, with 601 members; Genesee Falls, Rochester, N. Y., with 595, and Covenant, at Chicago, with 585.

A proposition to remit the per capita tax for all members over 70 years of age was lost after considerable discussion.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to enquire into the various systems in use in other Grand Jurisdictions for keeping the individual record of every Mason.

The Grand Lecturer held 47 Lodges of Instruction, at which 328 lodges were represented, with an aggregate attendance of 7,644.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of their Grand Lodge at Detroit, in January, 1895.

A verbal decision, made by the Grand Master that "the occupancy of Masonic lodge rooms by Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star was not only permissible, but highly desirable and recommended by this Grand Lodge," was adopted with great enthusiasm and against the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

A resolution to allow lodges to occupy a hall jointly with any other society was lost, it not receiving the support of fifty lodges as required to amend Grand Lodge Regulations.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1893. On Masonic funerals, he says:

"We cannot coincide with our distinguished brother in his suggestion that at Masonic funerals, instead of meeting at the lodge room and opening the lodge prior to the funeral, they assemble at the house, and at the call of the Master assume their Masonic clothing and form in procession, and after the services at the grave, be called aside by the Master and dismissed, thus saving an hour or two of

time to the members in attendance. From our acquaintance with the ways and customs of the people of Canada, formed by a sojourn of two summers among them, we have been led to believe that they were a people who took plenty of time to do all things coming to their hands, and were not afflicted with that nervous haste or anxiety to get through in a hurry with whatever they undertake which characterizes the people on our side of the line. No lodge in this country, however, would undertake to conduct a Masonic funeral after the manner he suggests."

William H. Phillips (Menominee), G. M.

Jefferson S. Conover (Coldwater), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

41st Communication, St. Paul, Jan. 10, 1894.

William F. Dickinson, G. M.

On the work and lectures, he says :

"In the hurry and activity of our every-day life we are apt to forget the possible future development of our great state. It is 366 miles due north and south between the lodges on our southern border and the extreme northern one. While some localities are fully occupied by masonic lodges—and it may be in a few instances crowded—yet there is a large unoccupied territory, and the number of our lodges will yet greatly increase. The number has already doubled since a Grand Lecturer was in the field. The average increase in numbers in the past forty years of our history has been five lodges per annum; and when you consider that less than one-eighth of the whole number are located in the north half of the state it becomes apparent that the increase is destined to continue for many years to come, and that the work and lectures must not be allowed to drift with every wind that blows.

"Twenty-five years ago, when the number of lodges on the roll was less than one-half the present number, the work of this jurisdiction was adopted and a Grand Lecturer was maintained until practical uniformity prevailed. Since that time it has been a matter of recollection. A few months ago the Worshipful Master of one of our lodges propounded to me the following question: 'Where and how can I obtain the correct work of this jurisdiction?' I submit the question to you for an answer.

"My predecessors have for some years past recommended that the Grand Lodge dues be restored to the amount formerly charged, namely, fifty cents, and that a Grand Lecturer be employed. But you have uniformly overruled their judgment, and the matter still remains to perplex us.

"I now suggest for your consideration that a board of three or five Custodians of the Work be created, to serve during good behavior."

On the same subject, the following report was adopted :

"We would therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge create a 'Board of Custodians of the Work,' to consist of five brethren, said brethren to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, each of whom shall be a member of some subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction, one of whom shall hold office for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years, and

that the yearly vacancy shall be filled by the appointment by the Grand Master of a custodian for the term of five years from date of appointment, unless removed for cause. The duties of said board shall be to hold a session of one week annually at St. Paul or Minneapolis, as they may from time to time determine, to rehearse in detail the established work and lectures, and when requested to do so, to exemplify the same before the Grand Lodge. All or any of them to have authority under the direction of the Grand Master to visit such lodges as desire their services, and give instructions in the work and lectures, and to hold schools of instruction, at which the officers and members of a number of lodges may attend. For attendance at the Grand Lodge and the one week session required and other services above specified they shall receive the same pay, mileage and per diem as other Grand Lodge officers and members. The Grand Master shall have authority to remove from the board any member who, from inefficiency, incompetency or other good reason is found unsuitable for the work and to fill the vacancy; but such new member, before giving instruction, shall be required to perfect himself in the work as given by those whose term has not expired, to the end that uniformity may prevail. To meet any expenses incurred as above the Grand Master is authorized to draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer to cover the same, provided that the aggregate of the expenses under the foregoing recommendations shall not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars, which sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for that purpose."

It was decided that the loss of the forefinger of the right hand was not such a dismemberment as would debar the applicant for the degrees of Masonry; also that a brother who had lost his left arm after initiation could still receive the remaining degrees.

Bro. Irving Todd again reports on Correspondence. Our Proceedings for 1893 receive fraternal mention.

Calvin L. Brown (Morris), G. M.

Thos. Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

76th Communication, Holly Springs, Feb. 15, 1894.

John Y. Murry, jr., Deputy, Acting G. M.

The Grand Master, Irvin Miller, was absent through serious illness.

The Grand Secretary enjoyed the rare privilege of presenting his twenty-fifth annual report. Except upon one occasion, he has been unanimously re-elected since 1869. Five new lodges were formed during the year. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, R. W. John Logan Power, to-day elected to the office of Grand Secretary, has, for a quarter of a century, continuously served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Mississippi in said official capacity, performing honestly and truly and faithfully the

many and varied duties of said office, also acting as the almoner of Masons in almost all cases of public affliction, destitution and distress—recognized as the right hand and prop of every Grand Master who has occupied the Grand East for the past twenty-five years—declining advancement for himself to the office of actual Grand Master, it is eminently fit and proper that the Grand Lodge place the seal of commendation upon the name and services of the beloved brother and confer upon him the highest honor it is in its power to bestow—therefore be it

Resolved, That R. W. John Logan Power be and is hereby elected and constituted an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi."

A complete view of the state of the Craft is presented in the following synopsis of the responses received from 158 lodges to a series of enquiries sent out by the committee :

"Average number of stated Communications held during the year, 11½ per lodge.

"Average number of special Communications, 2 per lodge.

"Observance of Festival days was not general with the lodges—although more than in previous year.

"About one-fifth of the lodges report visitations by Grand Lecturer or District Deputies, although Grand Lecturer states he, as such officer, did not make any official visits—so it must have been the District Deputies.

"The number of Masonic libraries reported were very few, and the number of Masonic periodicals is less than fifty.

"It appears that the Fraternity is claimed to be in a healthy condition—is not materially injured by other Orders, and the attendance at Masonic stated Communications is generally greater in proportion to membership than those of other Benevolent Orders.

"The value of real estate owned by the different lodges of the Fraternity is reported at \$210,100.

"The lodges have contributed for charitable purposes during the past year, \$2,282.93, exclusive of the per capita to Grand Lodge for charity and Masonic Home.

"About a dozen lodges felt compelled to ask assistance for the lodge, or individual members thereof.

"The Masters report that harmony prevails. No disturbing elements among the members, and that the majority of them commend the Fraternity by their daily walk and conversation.

"All reports show that each lodge has its regular committees of C. and O., and also for sick and relief.

"Non-affiliates do not seem to decrease much, if any, in numbers.

"A considerable number stand suspended for dues, and notices to drones seldom cause them to return to the fold.

"The Masters generally report two or three in each lodge competent to confer the degrees and give the lectures.

"In the matter of Masonic tramps, four-fifths of the W M's report that they are never troubled with such nuisances, and from the manner they assert in which they would be examined as to proficiency—if carried out as stated in the responses, will soon cause the Masonic tramp to be unknown in Mississippi.

"In the matter of Necrology, the M. W. Grand Lodge, at the last Annual Communication, ordered that one hour of each Annual Communication be specially devoted Memorial Service, at which time

the representatives of each subordinate lodge may pay tribute to the dead.

"It is recommended by some brethren that all charity be dispensed by the subordinate lodges, and that the Grand Lodge be relieved from any action thereon.

"It is recommended by some brethren that the applications for fraternal relief shall always be endorsed by the lodge in whose jurisdiction the object of charity or fraternal relief may reside.

"Almost every lodge report has the opinion of the W. M. endorsed thereon that more Masonic light is needed—yea, essential to the prosperity of the Craft."

Bro. Andrew H. Barkley again reports on Correspondence. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

J. L. Spinks (Meridian), G. M.

J. L. Power (Jackson), G. S.

MISSOURI.

73rd Communication, St. Louis, Oct. 10, 1893.

Owing to the serious illness of the Grand Master, Bro. John R. Parson, the chair was taken by the D. G. M., Bro. Harry Keene.

The Masonic year has been a peaceful and prosperous one. Notwithstanding the hard times, financially, they have much more than held their own. Nine new lodges were formed.

The number of inmates at the Masonic Home is constantly increasing, and they are already crowded for room. The President in his report says :

"I am glad to be able to report that the Knights Templars of Missouri and the Chapter Masons of the State are under the sanction of the Grand Commandery and the Grand Chapter, making a united effort to build and maintain, in connection with the Home, a Masonic Hospital and Sanitarium. Both of the Grand Bodies have made generous appropriations therefor, and the Grand Commander, Brother Chas. S. Glaspell and the Grand High Priest, Brother Allan McDowell, are making commendable and successful efforts to secure the co-operation of the members of their respective Grand and Subordinate Bodies. I congratulate the friends of the Home upon the bright prospect of the success of this enterprise, which will contribute so much to the welfare of the Home."

A resolution was passed that "no Masonic transactions be inserted in a newspaper by a brother without permission of the Grand Lodge. Any violation of this action of the Grand Lodge shall subject the offender to discipline under charge of unmasonic conduct"

The Grand Lecturer was authorized to appoint an Assistant, at a salary of \$5 per day for each day of actual work and traveling expenses.

Missouri and Pennsylvania have been having a little discussion over "perpetual jurisdiction," and we must find room for

the very able and conclusive report of the Missouri committee on this subject. We thoroughly agree with them that in this doctrine "there is not a single recognizable Masonic feature in its make up"

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania and Missouri, concerning the status of Albert Paul Cochrane, made a Mason in Cosmos Lodge, No. 282, of Missouri, after having been rejected by a Lodge in Pennsylvania, would respectfully report:

"Having carefully read, and fully understanding the correspondence, we approve and endorse the declarations and expressions of the Grand Master of Missouri as being correct and true exponents of our law and usage.

"The first letter from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, dated February 15, 1893, suggests rejection of Cochrane by Lodge No. 287 of that jurisdiction; that the fact had been suppressed, and desires to learn the pleasure of Grand Master Parson therein.

"He replied briefly that Cochrane had gained citizenship in this State before applying to the Lodge, and was therefore eligible under our law.

"Whereupon, on date March 6, 1893, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania wrote fully his desire, in which he used language as follows: 'We do not claim the right to say whom you shall receive as members of your Lodges, neither can we furnish character for applicants to your Lodges. All that we can do is to inform you of the previous Masonic record of persons whom we have rejected, and to say that if any person should obtain the degrees and membership in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, after having been rejected in Missouri, we would, on being informed of the fact, at once direct that his name be struck off the roll of members, and thereafter consider him an expelled member.' He stated further, that, 'petitions for initiations in our Lodges contain a statement that the applicant has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge, so that, you see, we are careful not to receive rejected material unless we are informed of his condition, in which case the Grand Lodge inquires of the rejecting jurisdiction whether the objection still continues.'

"To this, Grand Master Parson replied, 'Brother Cochrane was eligible under our law, which requires a petitioner to have resided twelve months in the State, and to declare that he has not been rejected by any Lodge within twelve months. The law was strictly complied with in this case. He practiced no fraud or deception on the Lodge, nor did the Lodge violate any law of Missouri in receiving and acting on his petition.

"Your committee are of the opinion that this statement should have been sufficient to establish the Masonic character of Brother Cochrane so far as regularity is concerned.

"The Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in his letter of April 8th, repeats previous statements with emphasis in these words: 'We do not claim the right to say whom you shall receive as members of your Lodges, and I beg to assure you that we shall not attempt to do so.'

"This sentiment is of questionable character, when the letter is read to its conclusion. Covering an expression of our own Grand Master, honestly, openly, feelingly and fraternally given, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania states: 'Your statement that visitors from

Pennsylvania who come duly accredited as regular Master Masons by their Grand Lodge will be welcomed as Brethren by Missouri Lodges, meets with a cordial response from me. I beg to assure you, sir, that Missouri Masons will be as cordially welcomed by Pennsylvania Lodges, provided, always, that they have not been rejected by a Pennsylvania Lodge and been made elsewhere without our consent. Against all who come within this proviso we claim and exercise the right of self-protection, one of the inherent rights of all Grand Lodges.' Dictating whom we shall not receive is not far removed from designating whom we shall receive, and your committee cannot readily mistake the meaning of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania in such an expression as this, 'neither can you send back to us our rejected material duly accredited as Masons. Against all such persons we have the right of self-protection by interdicting them from admission into our Lodges, and all other Masonic privileges.' Assuming it to be an inherent right of all Grand Lodges to self-protection, Missouri would retaliate upon Pennsylvania and refuse admission to our Lodges to all Pennsylvania made Masons. But we do not so understand the law of love and fraternity. Neither do we subscribe to the doctrine that man created in the image and likeness of God is incapable of being reclaimed, though fallen from such high estate.

"Masonry in Missouri does not put the mark of Cain upon the brow of any human being who has unfortunately incurred the displeasure, with accompanying malice, of his fellow, but after a reasonable reflection permits both provocation and retaliation to be condoned.

"Our Brother Cochran, though regularly made and duly accredited, is interdicted and proscribed throughout the entire Masonic jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

"Our Grand Master has investigated and pronounced that no wrong was perpetrated in his being made a Mason.

"We would like to protect him in the rights and privileges we have accorded to him as a member of the Masonic family.

"Our condition, however, is that in which the Grand Master of Pennsylvania finds himself involved concerning his protegee, 'perpetual jurisdiction.'

"He said, 'of course we cannot force it upon other Grand Lodges, it will force itself upon them.'

"Adopting his suggestion, we admit it has forced itself upon us. But it is an unwelcome monstrosity. There is not a single recognizable Masonic feature in its make-up.

"The Grand Master of Pennsylvania sent it to us and stands sponsor for its character. His recommendation has failed in convincing your committee of investigation, and we report unfavorably as to its admission into our family.

"We return perpetual jurisdiction to him as rejected material, and suggest that he deal with it under Pennsylvania usage; that is, strike it from the roll, and consider it forever expelled from the Masonic household."

We also copy the concluding part of the report of the committee on their lodge in Mexico :

"The 'Gran Dieta Simbolica de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos' has been formed, composed of nearly all the State Grand Lodges of Mexico, and a number of individual lodges, with our enlightened and

distinguished Brother, Porfirio Diaz, President of the Republic of Mexico, as Grand Master. This committee addressed a communication to Brother Ermilo G. Canton, Grand Secretary of the 'Gran Dieta,' to which a courteous and fraternal reply was made. We propounded a number of questions concerning the formation and present status of the 'Gran Dieta.' While the committee cannot say that the answers to these questions were wholly satisfactory, they yet believe and earnestly hope that the difficulties which have beset Masonry in Mexico are in progress of settlement, and ere long, we trust, that we, and all the Grand Lodges of the United States of America, may be enabled to welcome into the fold of Grand Lodges a body having united and supreme control over Symbolic Masonry in Mexico. We do not wish to be, nor even do we wish to be thought to be, a 'disturbing element' in Mexican Masonry. On the contrary, it is our duty to do all in power to assist, with our counsel and sympathy, our Brethren in Mexico to form a stable and permanent grand, governing body. The idea that Toltec Lodge, No. 520, might become the nucleus of such a governing power, may be abandoned as chimerical by those who have entertained such hope. It can never, under any circumstances, be more than a dependency of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Under these circumstances we consider it unwise to continue the exercise of Masonic authority in Mexico.

"We therefore recommend, that the incoming Grand Master take such measures as, in his judgment, may be necessary and expedient, to withdraw and annul the authority heretofore given to the Brethren of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, to exercise the functions of a Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

"We further recommend, that the members of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, be assured of our appreciation of their loyalty and fidelity to the principles of Freemasonry, and of our regret at the necessity of the severance of their connection as a lodge with this Grand Body.

"We further recommend, that this Grand Lodge extend its hearty sympathy to our Brethren of Mexico, in their struggles to place Masonry in our Sister Republic on a firm and lasting basis, and assure them that nothing shall be left undone on our part to aid and assist them in their laudable undertaking."

A proposition to endorse the deliverances of the Masonic Congress at Chicago was tabled.

The Grand Secretary presented his sixteenth report on Correspondence. In his review of Canada for 1892, he says :

"A very able and thoroughly representative address was delivered by Grand Master Robertson. In my judgment it was one of the most thoughtful and practical papers that I have ever met with in all my readings, emanating from the chief officer of a Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Master well said that it was necessary for those in authority to keep in close touch with the Craft. Personal contact and fraternal association must ever result in great good to members of the Order.

"In his two years' service as Grand Master, Brother Robertson had visited every Lodge on the register once, and some of them twice. When it is remembered that there are 348 Lodges on the roll, and his total visitations amounted to 363, we may well appreciate the labors of this distinguished mason, and form some con-

ception of his able and useful administrations. No such labor, intelligent and earnest, has been performed by any American Grand Master in the history of the Masonic institution, so far as my knowledge extends."

Under the head of "Ohio" Bro. Vincil has the following remarks on the Order of the Eastern Star and their occupancy of lodge rooms :

"The Grand Lodge does not allow Masons and their wives, in their social character, as members of the Eastern Star, to occupy, 'even temporarily,' Masonic Lodge rooms; yet the Grand Master's rule, approved by the committee, will tolerate and encourage the meeting of Masons and their consorts, the women, in the same Lodge rooms, to dance at their will and pleasure. I have belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star for many years, and have met with Mason's wives, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters, in the Chapters of the Order, and have found that their associations with the members of Lodges are in every sense beneficial. Too long have Masons kept our sister woman at a distance, refusing her any kind of co-partnership in the important department of Masonic labor or recognition. Since this institution has been operating in Missouri, thousands of ladies of refinement, character and culture, have come into closer sympathy and touch with the Masonic Brotherhood, and have become valuable auxiliaries in carrying forward the important work of charity in general. This is particularly true respecting our Grand Charity in this jurisdiction,—the Masonic Home. The members of the Order of Eastern Star, I mean the women, have done more for our Masonic Home, in proportion to numbers, than have been the members of the Masonic Fraternity; and yet our Ohio Brethren refuse to allow them to occupy their Masonic Lodge rooms, 'even temporarily.' Under the law, Grand Master Goodale was compelled to decline to permit the ante-rooms of Lodge Halls to be used by the ladies of the Eastern Star for a place of reception on banqueting occasions. Brother Goodale, while carrying out the law of his Grand Lodge, very justly said that such 'policy was unwise.' While not a member of that Society himself, and never expecting to be, still he thought it was no more than proper that the family attachments of Masons should be permitted to enjoy, in part, the social opportunities which follow membership in a Masonic Lodge to which wise and proper conclusions I am glad to see this distinguished Brother has arrived."

Harry Keene (St. Joseph), G. M.

John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

29th Communication, Helena, Oct. 12, 1893.

Moses Morris, G. M.

For the first time in their history there were seats vacant and lodges unrepresented because their dues were unpaid. The Grand Master blames the silver legislation, and further says :

"The present insane warefare upon silver, so alien and unnatural, that would in its madness, if possible, tear out the silver lining of our

clouds of distress and demonetize them, must soon cease and confess its error in sackcloth and ashes.

"This is not the occasion to discuss economic theories, but Masonry is a system of universal philosophy as well as universal charity, and teaches us when we cannot adjust circumstances to our wishes, to adjust our wishes to circumstances, and in all things and at all times render thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father.

"Our ancient Bro. Job, whose interests and circumstances in the land of Uz were not very unlike those that surrounds us in Montana, and where 'the devil was sometimes to pay' though there were no banks to suspend, has left us a good example to follow, when in addition to all losses of worldly wealth, came disease upon himself and death to his family, he could exclaim: 'What! Shall we receive good from the hands of God and shall we not receive evil?' Human nature, pampered by long-continued prosperity, waxes fat and kicks; forgets the source from which all blessings come. It is in the hard school of adversity that strength, patience and gratitude are born, and what we account and bewail as misfortunes are often blessings in disguise, bestowed by one who knows us far better than we know ourselves. Let us, therefore, thank God for health and the abundant resources within ourselves and all around us from which to carve out and create new fortunes.

On the ritual, Bro. Morris has the following :

"We confess ourselves to be of those who do not think perfection in Ritual to be the most important thing in Masonry, and furthermore, that there is only one way in which perfect uniformity can be obtained—the only way in which human evidence can affirm that it has been preserved unchanged.

"The system of propagating the work through Grand Lecturers, resembles very much in its results that of pouring water into a sieve. We think there is a better, surer, cheaper way that conflicts with no obligation, properly understood. It is a matter for cool, careful, prudent consideration."

He decided that the work of laying corner-stones belongs exclusively to the Grand Lodge, and that a candidate was eligible who had part Indian blood, if otherwise qualified.

He thinks that signing the by laws as a necessary prerequisite to membership is superfluous; that the four principle officers of the Grand Lodge should visit all the lodges between them; that the prerogative of making Masons at sight should be abolished; and that no appointment should be made of either Grand Orator or Grand Historian unless the appointee will promise in advance to discharge the duties attached to his office.

The time of meeting was changed to the third Wednesday in September.

The offices of Grand Historian and Grand Orator were abolished.

An amendment to abolish the Grand Master's right to make Masons at sight failed to command the support of the requisite majority.

The same fate befell an amendment to exempt from dues all members of 25 years' standing.

The following report was adopted :

"We, your Jurisprudence Committee, to whom was referred the construction of Section 6 of By-laws of Subordinate Lodges, are of the opinion that said section should be construed as meaning:

"First—That the oldest Past Master of the lodge is the one oldest in service as such Past Master.

"Second—That by virtue of having been a Past Master of a subordinate lodge and dimitting therefrom and affiliating with another lodge does not make him Past Master of that lodge.

"Third—That by dimitting he loses his prerogative of presiding as Past Master."

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1892. His report covers 150 pages and is without an extract

F. C. Webster (Missoula), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

36th Communication, Omaha, June 14, 1893.

Samuel P. Davidson, G. M.

The Grand Master reports continued prosperity and an increasing desire to elevate the standard of the work done by the lodges. Nine new lodges were formed.

The regulations were changed so as to require in future only one ballot for all degrees.

Oklahoma was recognized. New Zealand and Cuba held over.

A committee was appointed to report a general plan for the collection and distribution of funds for charitable purposes.

There is no report on Correspondence ; but we are promised one next year.

James P. A. Black (Bloomington), G. M.

William R. Bowen (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

29th Communication, Reno, June 13, 1893.

John E. Jones, D. G. M., presiding.

The Grand Master, Bro. John H. Hubbs, died in the preceding month. He was a native of Ontario, and received his Masonic light in our Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, in 1873, and shortly afterwards removed to Gold Hill, Nevada. He was highly esteemed and greatly loved

Peace and harmony prevail, but there is a slight decrease in membership. Oklahoma was recognized.

Bro. Robert Lewers reports on Correspondence. Our Proceedings for 1891 are reviewed under the heading of "Ontario." In his notice of Delaware, we find the following :

"We are grateful for the good wishes, and see in the distance the promise of their fulfilment. Too long has Nevada placed an abiding faith in the unknown treasures that lie hidden in the hills. That which is hidden is apt to deceive, and possibly returns of the stores of gold and silver are magnified beyond all reason until the slow going ways of agricultural and manufacturing pursuits are lost sight of. To the latter we must turn, and we are turning our eyes towards the agricultural possibilities of our State. In the corn of nourishment and the water of joy we will find our prosperity. We have land, and the water that runs to waste in the winter, properly stored in the thousands of possible reservoirs in the mountains, will raise the alfalfa to feed the cattle on a thousand hills."

Bro. Lewers thinks that the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is so doubtful that no jurisdiction can be called to account for disregarding it. He reads, "with some dismay," that the officers in Montana were installed in public. There are some jurisdictions that rather pride themselves upon this peculiar feature. On the use of the lodge rooms by other organizations, he says :

"The Vermont brethren are very strict in their requirements in respect to the use of Masonic Lodge rooms for other orders. We do not know whether they except the order of the Eastern Star or not, but we notice that they allowed their wives, sisters and sweethearts to go on the same boat with them when they went on an excursion on Lake Champlain. We do not think there is any harm in admitting profanes into the Lodge room when the body is not in session, for the room should always be left in such a condition that no harm can happen. Masonry is not in the Lodge room. The gridiron can be put in the safe, the rack buried in the earth, the goat turned loose on the common, the pincers loaned to the blacksmith, the chains put in the coffin and sunk in the secret recess, and surely no harm can come. If the Lodge room is securely tyled while it is in session all the requirements are answered. Masonry is broader than four walls in its mission. If it were not it would have died long ago."

John E. Jones (Carson), G. M.

C. N. Noteware (Carson), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

26th Communication, Moncton, August 22, 1893.

Thomas Walker, G. M.

For the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge their meeting is held outside of the City of St. John. They have 32 lodges and 1,829 members.

The third degree was exemplified by the Grand Master in person.

In this jurisdiction the Grand Secretary is not elected by

the Grand Lodge, but is appointed by the Grand Master. A jewel was voted to the retiring Grand Secretary, Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore for his faithful services for the past ten years.

Thomas Walker, M. D. (St. John), G. M.

T. Nisbet Robertson (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

104th Communication, Concord, May 17, 1893.

John Pender, G. M.

They have had a peaceful and prosperous year, the net increase in membership being 98. There are 78 lodges and 8729 members.

Suitable Jewels were ordered for the Past Grand Masters.

A resolution was adopted that in the closing ceremonies of the lodge, the word "stated" should be used in place of the word "regular."

The committee on revision of the Constitution presented a number of amendments, which lie over till next meeting.

Bro. A. S. Wait again reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1892

John Pender (Portsmouth), G. M.

George P. Cleaves (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

107th Communication, Trenton, January 24, 1894.

James H. Durand, G. M.

Several cases of disputed jurisdiction with the Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania were amicably disposed of. Two new lodges were formed. On the state of the Craft, the Grand Master says :

"From the excellent reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which I desire especially to commend, and from my own observation in my visits during the year to various Lodges in different sections of the State, I am enabled to report that, for the most part, prosperity, peace, good-will and harmony prevail among the Lodges. There are, however, several Lodges, the names of which I will not mention, which form exceptions to the statement made, in which, through misdirected zeal on the part of some members, which has not been appreciated by others, or by the use or abuse of the black ball and an unprofitable, unpleasant and sometimes unlawful discussion of the result of ballots taken, or by disagreements, trivial in themselves, but subsequently greatly magnified, misunderstandings have arisen between the members, who have almost forgotten for the time that they are Brethren, and a condition akin to disunion, discord and acrimony has prevailed. I trust that the Brethren thus referred to will speedily learn anew their first lesson in Masonry, and, remembering their duty to their Lodges and to their Brethren,

will both forgive and forget and strive to build up where, perhaps unconsciously, they have been tearing down the walls of the Temple."

The salary of the private secretary of the Grand Master was increased from \$100 to \$300.

The following motion was referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and probably it will stay there :

In view of the fact that there are various differences in existence within the body of the great Masonic family, which should be corrected ; therefore, be it

" *Resolved*, That we recommend that a congress of Free Masons be held in the city of London, England to meet on St. John's Day, June —, 18— ; that the Grand Master of New Jersey communicate with and invite all Grand Lodges of the earth to participate in the deliberations of such proposed congress ; that each and every Grand Lodge shall have power to send one delegate, and no more ; that each delegate shall have power to represent his particular Grand Lodge (and none other), and his vote at this congress shall be binding on his Grand Lodge ; that a majority of all delegates accredited to this congress be necessary to adopt resolution to correct any existing deficiency or discrepancy, if any there may appear."

Bro. Charles Bechtel has been Grand Treasurer for the past 22 years, and it was resolved to compliment him by the publication of his portrait in the Proceedings.

Bro. Henry Vehslage reports on Correspondence. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

James H. Durand (Railway), G. M.

Thos. H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

16th Communication, Albuquerque, Oct 2, 1893.

J. H. Kuhns, G. M.

While there has been a great depression in many of the interests in this territory, Masonry is ever on the increase, and this Grand Lodge is in a flourishing condition. They have 18 lodges and 754 members, an increase of 23. One new lodge was formed. The Grand Master issued five dispensations for "joint occupancy," three of them being necessary on account of fires.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter any person who is engaged in the saloon business shall be considered ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry within this Grand Jurisdiction."

Bro. Max. Frost reports on Correspondence. Canada was not received.

C. H. Sporleder (East Las Vegas), G. M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Quarterly Communication, Sept. 14, 1892.

In the report of the Board of General Purposes we find the following :

"GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—This was one of the matters referred to the Board by Grand Lodge. It will be in the recollection of the Members, that at our last Meeting a letter was read from the M. W. Grand Lodge of South Australia, in which that body proposed to submit the question: 'Which Grand Lodge is entitled to claim precedence, that of South Australia or that of New South Wales? to the arbitration of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. The Members of the Board gave the matter their most careful consideration, and it appeared that this was the first instance on record in which a claim had been set up for precedence between two sovereign Grand Lodges, each absolute in its own jurisdiction.' After a long discussion it was resolved:—'That the Board deems it unnecessary to consider the precedence of the Grand Lodge of South Australia over that of New South Wales, as no such question can arise between Sovereign Grand Lodges, except as a matter of etiquette.' It may be added, that the Board desires that the cordial and fraternal feelings that have always characterized our intercourse with South Australia may long continue, and that the reverence of the Brethren in both Grand Lodges for the genuine principles of the Craft, may effectually prevent that cordial intercourse from being disturbed by such a comparatively trivial matter as that of precedence."

The Grand Inspector of Workings visited a large number of the lodges and found them in good order.

At a special meeting on Feb. 16, 1893, a large number of amendments were made to the Constitution, and the sum of £100 was granted in relief of the sufferers by the floods in Queensland.

Quarterly Communication, June 14, 1893.

The sum of £250 was granted to the relief of the sufferers by the late disastrous floods in New South Wales.

In their closing report for the year, the Board say that notwithstanding the wave of commercial depression which has during the past year swept over the world, and from the effects of which this colony has not escaped, the Craft in this jurisdiction is in a sound and prosperous condition. The total amount of relief granted during the year by the Grand Lodge was £1,174 to 228 applicants. They have 188 lodges and 8,675 members, a decrease of 120.

The Earl of Jersey, the Governor of the Colony, whose term of office had expired and who had left the Colony, resigned his Grand Mastership, and his successor, the Right Honorable Sir Robert Duff, was elected Grand Master. He was installed at a special meeting on July 13th, 1893, by the Grand Master

of South Australia, the Earl of Kintore, who, in his Installing Charge, proved himself to be an able and well-posted Brother. We make the following extracts from this eloquent and interesting address :

"Your first experience of an Australian Grand Lodge will satisfy you that Scottish and Australian Freemasonry are substantially and in all essentials identical. The same Light streams from the East upon the same Sacred Law lying open before us. The Ritual is imbued with the same beauty, the same simplicity, the same reverence. The same secrets are confided and preserved.

"We understand the same obligations; we are governed by the same Rulers and the same Authority; we are united by the same good fellowship and brotherhood; we bow the knee to the same Great Architect of the Universe, and look to Him for His guidance and blessing.

"As from that Throne, M. W. G. M., you gaze upon the thousands of Brethren who are here to witness and do honor to your Installation and to manifest their fealty to you as their Masonic Chief, your breast like mine, must glow with patriotic pride at the consciousness that from the Venerable Scottish Constitution, in which you and I first saw the light of Masonry, has been derived much that has given strength and fibre, loyalty and earnestness, to Freemasonry in New South Wales and in every part of Australia.

"Installed, Sir, as the Masonic Head of a Constitution whose Territory is in area ten times as large as the Kingdom of Scotland, and whose adherents are more numerous by thousands than those of any other Australian Constitution, the responsibilities of your exalted Office will impress themselves deeply upon your mind.

"The sense of that responsibility will, moreover, be heightened when you remember the high standard of excellence which has been achieved by the illustrious Brethren by whom you have been preceded upon the Throne you now occupy.

"The M. W. G. M. Lord Carrington enjoyed the unique distinction of being the first Supreme Ruler over United Masonry in New South Wales. His brilliant personal and social qualities, his energy, his enthusiasm, his never failing tact, and his keen sympathies, well fitted him to lead to victory the movement for the consolidation of all the branches of the Craft in this great Colony under One United and Supreme Grand Lodge.

"His successor, M. W. Past Grand Master Bro. the Earl of Jersey, whose term of office as Grand Master was too short, who to modesty and sincerity added great sagacity, manliness, and true-heartedness, by which he succeeded in winning, and is certain of retaining universal esteem and affection, maintained the prestige of his great office with undiminished lustre." * * *

"Upon one circumstance do I specially congratulate you, M. W. G. M., and that is that, as is the case in our own dear native land, you have been called to preside over a united brotherhood having all the privileges and responsibilities of self government. In Australia our Masonic as well as our political institutions have had a gradual development. In New South Wales and in her sister colonies there were at first Blue Lodges only, holding warrants from the two British and the Irish Constitutions. Next came Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and Grand Lodges followed in natural and orderly sequence.

" Masonic unity was here happily accomplished five years ago, in Victoria six months later, in South Australia four years earlier, and in Tasmania, where I had myself the privilege of taking part in the Inauguration of Grand Lodge, in 1890.

" As Grand Master of South Australia, and an occasional visitor (though a less frequent one than I could wish) to this and the other Australian Colonies, I have watched with keen interest the progress of the Craft under autonomous Government in all the four Constitutions I have named. In each of them, in spite of the severe commercial depression through which we are passing, United Masonry has more than held its own. It has progressed both in the number of its lodges and of its members, and it has become more widely spread and more firmly established. This, as the mother colony, both in the date of settlement and in the establishment of Masonry, appropriately continues to surpass her sister Constitutions in the number of Masonic adherents. There are few cities in which Freemasonry is palatially housed than in Sydney. And you, M. W. G. M., when I seated you upon that Throne, became the Ruler of a Brotherhood numbering nearly 200 lodges, with between 9,000 and 10,000 subscribing members, or, if we include brethren not directly attached to lodges, quite 15,000 strong.

Between the four Australian Constitutions there are minor differences.

" For example, here and in South Australia the American or Elective System of appointing Grand Lodge Officers prevails. In Victoria and Tasmania the method of Nomination by the Grand Master has been continued. The Australian Constitutions have therefore an opportunity of comparing on the spot the relative advantages and inconveniences of both methods—a comparison which will be instructive to the student of Masonic jurisprudence on both sides of the world. In all four Constitutions the Grand Master necessarily derives his authority from the suffrages of his Brethren. The difference in the appointment of his officers is a matter upon which further experience may produce uniformity or compromise. * * *

" M. W. G. M.,—Your sojourn in these southern lands is only beginning. Mine is nearly at an end. Even had I wished it, I have found it impossible (as you will also) to escape a keen interest in the welfare of these young Commonwealths of the same blood and of the same nationality as ourselves. When forecasting the future with its possibilities and its dangers, I confess to a feeling of satisfaction that already Freemasonry has obtained so strong and so widespread a development throughout Australia. I perceive in it influences making for stability, for patriotism, for righteousness. Religious controversies I suppose there will always be, but it will tend to their being carried to extremes that our Order witnesses to our common dependence on the Great Architect of the Universe. New political doctrines and wild and ill-considered social theories may be agitated, but Freemasons will ever hold fast to good citizenship and loyalty. Financial straits and commercial difficulties may be encountered, but the Craft will continue to square their actions by the rules of equity and the dictates of justice. The closer union between these great colonies, which is the ardent aspiration of many lovers of their country, will surely be aided in no small degree by the Brotherhood of Freemasonry.

" And so, Most Worshipful Grand Master, under your wise and benignant rule, and beyond that for long centuries to come, I doubt

not that the members of the Craft here and everywhere will uninterruptedly continue, both by example and precept, to teach mankind this grand lesson—'Honor all Men, Love the Brotherhood, Fear God, Honor the King.' "

Sir Robert William Duff (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

112th Communication, New York, June 6, 1893.

James TenEyck, G. M.

This volume is embellished with beautiful steel-engraved portraits of Bro. TenEyck and Bro. Christopher G. Fox, P. G. M.

Our Representative, Bro. Sydney F. Walker, was in attendance.

The Grand Master dedicated the Home at Utica on the 5th October, 1892, with imposing ceremonies and in the presence of thousands of brethren. Irrespective of the Knights Templar, the Royal and Select Masters, the Royal Arch Masons and the 40 bands of music, the procession was composed of 8,524 Master Masons.

Four new lodges were formed. The Grand Master officially recognized South Australia and Oklahoma. He says that the German Brethren (German Masonic Temple Association) are entitled to warm praise for the manner in which they maintain their Home and Temple. Their Home in Tappan is in successful operation.

Out of the 726 lodges (all of whom had made their returns), 720 were represented at this Session. They have 83,287 members, a gain of 2,664.

The total cost of the Home to date is \$230,685.18, and the Trustees have a balance on hand of \$155,572.55, and all obligations liquidated. There are 47 inmates.

In the report of the Grand Librarian we find the following :

"The Library of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York has attained a world-wide recognition as possessing a rare and valuable collection of Masonic works, and should continue to receive the hearty encouragement and support of the fraternity in this jurisdiction, for it is an honor and great credit to the Craft. The Library forms one of the most valued possessions of the Grand Lodge, and has become one of the most complete and practically useful Masonic libraries in this country." * * *

"The Reading Room grows in favor with the Fraternity, each succeeding year having an increase of visitors and readers. During the past year the rooms have been open daily, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m., and from 7.00 to 10.30 p.m., except Sundays and holidays. The tables and files are supplied with a complete assortment of magazines and daily morning and evening newspapers, and all that is best in current periodical literature.

"The rooms were opened January 1, 1885, in connection with the Grand Lodge Library. The Reading Room has proved to be a necessity and of great advantage to the Fraternity, and is free for the use of the Craft. The rooms are comfortable, well furnished and attractive, and sojourning brethren from other jurisdictions are welcomed. The 'stranger that is within our gates' is made to feel perfectly at home, and a cordial greeting is extended to every brother.

"The Library and Reading Room is attended by the Grand Librarian or Assistant. It is well supplied with stationery for the use of the Craft and visitors. The works of our ablest authors and writers are sought for, an evidence that there is a growing interest on the part of the brethren in the works of the Craft and in general literature."

The report of the energetic and able Historian of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Charles T. McClenachan, is interesting :

"The undersigned, Historian of Masonry in the State of New York, would fraternally report in relation to progress during the past year, that a very considerable advance has been made. The work is now brought down to recent date; in fact, we have approached times and days coming within the epoch of our own knowledge, the age of our own existence and memory, when the mist and shadow of uncertainty and repute give way to the fixed and clear light of unquestioned facts and of positive proof. Although the records of the past that have been consulted are not doubted, yet the more familiar features of present history are before us and known to active, interested Masons.

"From the mass of correspondence, lodge records, miscellaneous documents, memoranda, written and printed Minutes of Proceedings, and private papers loaned, the labor has been to collate, classify, and establish the facts of history which thus far have been laid before the Grand Lodge in three printed volumes in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and has enabled your Historian to progress with a fourth to a less burthensome stage of his duty in completing the annals to present date; and then, if deemed desirable, and as originally contemplated, the history of the individual lodges in succession of warranted powers may follow.

"In the study and labor that has been bestowed, there has been no impelling motive except to be right, and to merit approbation from members of the Fraternity abroad as well as at home for a proper discharge of the Stewardship; this has been the chief, and in fact the only, incentive to duty.

"It is not well known to the Fraternity in general, that the volumes of the History are the sole property of the Grand Lodge, and can be obtained of the Grand Secretary at a little more than cost price."

Action on the application for recognition of the Grand Symbolic Diet of Mexico was deferred for further information as to its organization and character and its subordinates.

As to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, although the legality of its formation was admitted, recognition was withheld because of the non-recognition of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, which, in our opinion, is a "most lame and impotent conclusion."

A revised Code of Procedure was adopted, the number of sections being reduced from 101 to 66.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Jesse B. Anthony. It covers 165 pages. It is prepared with his usual ability and is full of interesting matter. The review of the Proceedings of Grand Bodies in foreign countries is the work of Bro. Charles Sackreuter.

In the review of Missouri we find the following information as to the representation in the Grand Lodge of New York :

"The representation in the Grand Lodge of New York is confined to one from each lodge (Master, Warden, or proxy), and with its Grand Officers and permanent members has an attendance of about 865, exclusive of visitors. While it is a large body, it is about at its maximum, as very few lodges are created. By a proper subdivision under committees and systematic methods with reference to routine business, its deliberations are characterized by marked and even thoroughness, when we consider the varied interests represented. We admit there might be times when such a large body would be unwieldy and legislation might be influenced by the excitement of some special occasion. We deem, however, the same evil to be incident to any smaller body. For quite a number of years there has been prevalent a uniformity of feeling among the Craft, a remarkable spirit of harmony in all its parts, and an apparent desire for the good of the whole. The result has been very little friction, a wise determination of Masonic questions, and we think the Craft generally has been educated up to the standard of practical work for the advancement of Freemasonry. The spirit materialized in the Grand Lodge, is but the embodiment of the harmony to be found in the subordinates. Long may it continue, not alone in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York, but in every other Grand Jurisdiction.

"This Grand Lodge does not pay per diem and mileage, and of the 558 lodges on the roll, but 272 were represented. It can readily be apprehended that there might be legislation which would not be satisfactory to *all* the lodges."

Canada for 1893 receives due attention. Bro. Anthony says :

"We have been more than usually interested in the record of the past year presented by the Grand Master of this jurisdiction, and have derived much pleasure and profit from a perusal of his grand thoughts and suggestions.

"There may be, and probably are, men as earnest M. W. Bro. ROBERTSON has proven himself to be, but they are not common in our experience. We admire his zeal and enthusiasm, his sound, unbiased judgment, his executive ability, his fearlessness in discharge of official duty. His love for and devotion to the principles of our Institution and its broad philanthropy have crystalized and engraven an imperishable record upon the hearts of his brethren and the official tablet of this Grand Jurisdiction. His administration will ever stand as worthy of imitation, and one rarely equaled in the history of the Craft. All honor to such men. They are what our Institution needs and demands, and their labors will bear fruit long after they have passed away.

"We are thoroughly alive to the fact that no summary or review of this Annual Address can in any sense convey its spirit and thoroughness, or do it justice."

Under 'Mexico' we find the following :

"Upon the statements submitted we were disposed to consider the application in a favorable light, but since the preparation of the above we have been put in possession of a circular letter issued by Toltec Lodge, No. 520—located in the City of Mexico—under charter issued in 1882, by and still owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which conveys information in relation to this subject, which cannot be ignored. Without entering into the subject of the regularity of the organization, or taking into consideration certain points relative to other bodies of Masonry, which are at variance with the statement made by the Gran Dieta Simbolica of Mexico, we shall simply consider that which is of vital importance in granting recognition, viz., the character of the Masonry in this jurisdiction.

"The circular and statements referred to are to some extent of a confidential nature, and cannot well be placed before you in a report of this nature, and they are also of a character which prevent the Grand Lodge of New York from entering into official relationship with this Grand Body. We may mention, however, certain points wherein Mexican Masonry seems to be a law unto itself—O. B.'s taken on honor only, the admission of women, the exclusion of the Bible, 'the idea of the presence of God altogether disallowed' in some Lodges its connection with the politics of the country etc.

"The general character of the statements in said circular letter are also corroborated by the testimony of brethren of the Jurisdiction of New York, who have personally visited Lodges within the Jurisdiction of Mexico, upon which we can place reliance.

"Based upon these facts, we respectfully submit that the application of the Gran Dieta Simbolica of Mexico for recognition, and the exchange of representatives, be denied."

We also copy Bro. Sackreuter's review of Italy and "Miscellaneous":

"Grand Orient of Italy, at Rome (Palazzo Poli No. 12—Primo Piano).

"No communications have been received this year from this Grand Lodge.

"We have not found in our exchanges any allusions or opinions relative to the resolution of the Grand Lodge at New York adopted at the session of June 9, 1892, page 138 of the printed Transactions.

"We quote from our exchanges the following as of general interest:

"The *Osservatore* of Rome, the official organ of the Vatican, recently published two letters from the Pope dated December 8, 1892, to the Italian bishops and people, which occupied nearly seven columns of that paper. The chief theme was the necessity of the people being on their guard against the Freemasons, who are, he said, the cause of all modern evils in Italy. After a strongly worded tirade, detailing the wrongs to religion and civilization sanctioned or permitted by the Italian Government, Leo XIII used the following curious phrase: 'The public authorities, whether they know it or not, are regarded by Freemasonry as its instruments.' The accusations launched against the Italian Government were: 'The conscription of sem-

inaries, beyond the necessary limit; the closing of convents and monasteries, while Masonic Lodges multiply; the invasion of the public schools; the introduction of civil marriages and funerals; delusive promises to protect the dignity and independence of the Pope.' The letters abounded with such phrases as 'the Satanic intention of substituting naturalism for Christianity,' and the like.

"It is rumored that Father Brandl, Societatis Jesu, drafted both encyclicas, which Leo XIII approved and signed.

"It seems, however, that these documents (encyclicas) had not the desired impression in Italy. Numerous articles in the secular press turned these accusations of the Vatican into ridicule, or rejected and refuted with indignation the instigations and invectives against the existing government.

"Of course, the Italian Freemasons offended in this manner did not hesitate to answer and demonstrations soon followed.

"At a meeting held December 19, 1891, in honor of Grand Master Bro. Lemmi, at the large hall of the West End Hotel at Naples, not only representatives and members of the Lodges of Naples, but numerous members of the whole Italian jurisdiction, were present, and a great many letters and telegrams expressing congratulations and sympathy were received.

"The popular Grand Master addressed the meeting with a splendid oration, explaining not only the liberal and real moral nature of Freemasonry, but also compared the Fraternity with the retrograde efforts of clericalism emanating from the Vatican. He said among other things, reviewing the contents of the encyclicas, the following:

"If the 'Curia Romana' continues in this way and manner, the ancient proverb, that God dements those he intends to ruin, will be illustrated and proved. Freemasonry never persecuted religion, but it cannot allow nor tolerate the servants of the latter to exercise secular power and claim the government of our country, reigning tyrannically or, as in previous eras, exciting discord and civil war. As long as Catholic dogmatic faith and Catholic teachings of morals cannot be brought in conformity with scientific truth, with common sense and reason, and with a purified conscience, so long Freemasonry will and must be always in a fighting position against the same. We wish that Catholics should sick, adhere, and trust in Jesus! Freedom and liberty for all! but now-a-days they cannot adhere and be obedient to his so called representatives and proxies without becoming rebels against the government and sworn enemies to United Italy.

"After a short view on the present development of political intelligence and humanistic culture in Italy, Grand Master Lemmi concluded with the words: 'Hail and praise the Genius of the penetrating and revolving Progress of Italy!'

"An immense and enthusiastic applause followed the oration with a variety of sympathetic acclamations.

"Bro. Adriano Lemmi, Banker (Via Nazionale 54, Rome), is Grand Master; Bro. Achille Ballori (Address: Al Grande Oriente d'Italia, Piazza Poli, Rome, is Grand Secretary.

"The jurisdiction comprises 132 subordinate Lodges, of which 28 are in non-Italian countries: Roumania, Turkey, Tripoli, Egypt, Cape of Good Hope, South America.

"Statistics not published." * * *

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF BELGIUM AT BRUSSELS, for the symbolic degrees, is not in correspondence or mutual representation with the Grand Lodge of New York. We find in the exchanges that this jurisdiction comprises 17 St. John's Lodges; total membership not known. Grand Master is Bro. Ernest Reisse, 14 Avenue Marnix, Brussels; Grand Secretary, Bro. Hennebert. Address of the Grand Orient is: Bro Rian-Nedgrot, 8 rue du Persil, Brussels.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF GREECE AT ATHENS, 3 rue Kolokotronis, consists of a Supreme Council with one Chapter at Athens and six Symbolic Lodges. The Grand Officers are: Honorary Grand Master, Bro. Prince Rhodocanakis; Grand Master, Bro. Nik. Damaskinos; Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Stephanos, 24 rue Homere d'Athenes. The representations with foreign Grand Bodies are the same as reported by us in 1892.

THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO LA LUZ was founded August 22, 1825, and organized March 26, 1826. Grand Master is Bro. Francisco de Paula Gochicoa. Besides the National Grand Lodge, there exist in some of the United States of Mexico other independent Masonic Grand Bodies recognized by North American Grand Lodges.

GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.—This Grand Body was constituted and founded December 24, 1891, through the combined union of all the St. John Lodges of the island. The jurisdiction has 76 subordinate lodges, with about 3,000 members. Grand Master, Bro. Antonio Govin y Torres, Lawyer, Galiano 24, Habana, Cuba; Grand Secretary, Bro. Jose Fernandez Pellon, Calle de la Habana, Cuba.

GRAN LOGIA DEL DISTRITO FEDERAL IN MEXICO.—This Grand Body was instituted June 23, 1883. Grand Master is Bro. Benito Juarez; Grand Secretary, Bro. Gamaliel Arenas, Arco de San Augustin Num. 7, Ciudad de Mexico. All communications ought to be addressed to the Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU AT LIMA.—This Grand Lodge has 26 subordinate lodges, of which five are in the State of Bolivia, and the whole membership said to be 541 brethren. Bro. Federico Herrera is Grand Master, and Bro. Dr. J. Arturo Ego-Aguirre (Apartado No. 178, Lima,) is Grand Secretary.

GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL AT RIO JANEIRO, Rua do Lavradio 83. The latest reports enumerate 120 Chapters and 147 subordinate lodges of this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction; 34 subordinate lodges are in the city of Rio de Janeiro, 113 in the provinces. Total membership not known. Grand Secretary is Bro. Dr. Henrique Valladaris, Rua do Lavradio 83 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL interchanges representation with the following Grand Bodies, viz., of Switzerland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, Eclectic Union, Hamburg.

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF EGYPT AT CAIRO. This Grand Body, founded May 8, 1876, instituted October 8, 1876, has in its jurisdiction, as reported, eleven subordinate lodges; other statistics are not published. Honorary and Past Grand Master is Bro. Hussein Fakhry Pasha, Minister of Justice; Grand Master, Bro. Idris Bey Ragheb, Judge of the Court for Natives; Grand Secretary, Bro. Anton Barum Effendi, Dragoman at the Italian Consulate. The address is, A La Grande Lodge Nationale d'Egypte, Boite Speciale, No. 148, La Caire.

NATIONAL GRAND ORIENT OF SPAIN AT MADRID. The jurisdiction comprises 215 subordinate lodges (19 in Madrid) and exchanges mutual representation with the German Grand Lodge League and the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland. Grand Master is Bro. Jose M. Pantoja; Grand Secretary (and address) Bro. Eduardo Caballero de Puga, Calle de la Libertad 27, Madrid.

SYMBOLIC GRAND LODGE OF SPAIN AT SEVILLA. Founded February 7, 1881. Fourteen subordinate St. John's Lodges (of which one in Madrid) exist in the jurisdiction.

SYMBOLIC GRAND LODGE OF SPAIN AT MADRID. Grand Orient since 1847; Supreme Council since 1887. Ninety-seven subordinate lodges. Statistics not published. Grand Master Bro. Enrique Perez de Gusman, Marquis de Santa Marta; Grand Secretary (and address) Bro. Isidoro Villarino de Villar, Calle de Luzon 4, Madrid.

UNITED GRAND ORIENT OF LUSITANIA AT LISBON. This Grand Body was organized October 30, 1869, and comprises 70 subordinate lodges and about 2,850 brethren. Grand Master is Bro. Vicomte d'Aguella; Grand Secretary, Bro. Luis Augusto Ferreira da Castro, Rue de Gremio Gusitano No. 35. The Grand Orient of Lusitanias exchanges representation with nearly all the European Grand Bodies.

GRAND ORIENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILI AT VALPARAISO (Calle Victoria 19). The latest news and communications from Chili report that the Grand Lodge is in regular activity, and has seven subordinate lodges with about 240 brethren. Bro. Jose Migual Facz is Grand Master; Bro. Guillermo Segundo Munnich, Grand Secretary, Casella No. 502, Valparaiso.

We are indebted to Bro. Anthony for the following comparison of statistics:

"STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1890	1891	1892	1893
Grand Lodges	56	56	56	56
Number of Subordinate Lodges	10,817	11,029	11,216	11,457
Raised	36,741	38,186	43,345	43,127
Affiliated	15,688	14,393	16,649	16,470
Restored	6,401	5,552	5,900	6,081
Died	8,848	8,873	10,242	10,542
Dimitted	17,161	16,709	20,086	18,372
Suspended for non-payment of dues	13,867	12,597	14,113	13,085
Suspended and expelled . . .	650	595	717	686
Membership	648,361	670,170	697,842	723,662

"Based upon the Tables we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, that:

The accession by new work has been 6 17-100 per cent.
The additions by affiliation and restoration . . 3 22-100 per cent.
The losses by death are 1 51-100 per cent.
The losses for non-payment of dues equal . . . 1 86-100 per cent.
The losses by dismission equal 2 63-100 per cent.
The net gain of the year (14,704) is equal to . . 3 53-100 per cent.

"In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order: New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Missouri, Indiana, Texas, Iowa, Maine, Kansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, California, etc.

"The average of membership to each lodge is greatest in the following: District of Columbia, 192; Connecticut, 144; Massachusetts, 140; Rhode Island, 120; Maine, 111; New York, 111; New Hampshire, 110; Pennsylvania, 108, etc.

"The jurisdictions having lodges of the largest membership are in the following order: Minnesota, 601; New York, 595; Michigan, 567; Illinois, 558; Colorado, 557; Connecticut, 549; District of Columbia, 546; California, 450; Massachusetts, 432; Rhode Island, 408; Pennsylvania, 400."

Frederick A. Burham (New York), G. M.

Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Quarterly Communication, Wanganui, July 14, 1893.

Malcolm Niccol, G. M.

A new lodge was opened at Waiuku, Auckland.

It was resolved to take no action as to the form of working at present.

Past Grand rank under other Constitutions is not recognized in the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The following notice of motion was given to be brought up at the next meeting:

"That a return showing the number of Craft Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand with number of members, also statement of accounts to date, shall be sent to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, accompanied with a respectfully worded protest against the issuing of any new charters in this colony, as the Grand Lodge of New Zealand possesses supreme jurisdiction of this territory."

Among the Grand Representatives appointed we notice the name of R. W. Bro. W. H. Cooper for Canada.

NORTH CAROLINA.

106th Communication, Raleigh, January 10, 1893.

Hezekiah A. Gudger, G. M.

They have sustained a great loss in the death of the beloved Grand Secretary, Donald W. Bain. He had been Grand Secretary for 25 years, succeeding his father, William T. Bain, who had been Grand Secretary from 1836 to 1867.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum is in fine condition and the debt is all paid. There are 215 inmates, about 50 of whom are children of Masons; 25 were admitted during the year, 17 placed in homes and 6 discharged.

The Grand Lodges of South Australia and Victoria were recognized.

Bro. Julius C. Martin reports on Correspondence and notices our Proceedings for 1891 and 1892.

John W. Cotten (Tarboro), G. M.

William H. Bain (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

4th Communication, Devil's Lake, June 13, 1893.

Albert B. Herrick, G. M.

The condition of the Craft appears to be very prosperous, the work of the past year being the largest of any year in their history. The present membership is 1,972, as against 1,733 last year. Six new lodges were formed. On the great fire at Fargo the Grand Secretary says :

‘ I had a very flattering report written upon the Grand Lodge Library, but since the same was indited the library and all the contents of the Grand Secretary's room fell a victim to the holocaust which visited Fargo on the 7th inst. I do not know at present how much of the Grand Lodge Library was saved ; it is estimated all the way from one-fourth to one-third. While the loss seems at the present time irreparable, yet by perseverance and energy we may be able to replace a large number of the destroyed volumes. Under the circumstances it was impossible to have saved any more than were preserved, the fire having burned several blocks to the south, and by the time it reached the library everybody was exhausted from continuous efforts with the raging element. The library was not thought to be in danger until a few moments before the fire came. The wind was blowing a gale and seemed to whirl in every direction. Houses and stores that were apparently safe, fell victims to the flames in so short a time that everything within them was consumed, while others that were apparently in the path of the fire were not harmed. The utmost confusion prevailed. The enormity of the loss is as yet scarcely realized, there being left but eight brick buildings in the whole city. The path of the fire is a mile square, it taking the business portion and part of the residences of the city.”

The following resolution was adopted as to sojourners :

“ *Resolved*, That all visiting, resident Masons shall furnish to the Master of the particular lodge under whose jurisdiction such sojourning Mason is holden, once each year documentary evidence to the Master of such lodge that he has paid his dues to, or is in good standing in the lodge from which he hails. And it is hereby made the duty of the Worshipful Master of each particular lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction to see that such evidence is furnished to him as above required.”

Bro. Thomas J. Wilder reports on Correspondence. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

James McDonald (Grafton), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

28th Communication, Halifax, June 14, 1895.

Duncan C. Fraser, G. M.

Peace and a fair measure of success have been vouchsafed to the Craft during the year. The net gain in membership was 134. They have a debt of \$32,000, which the Grand Master urges should be paid.

On the subject of the recognition of Past Rank obtained in other jurisdictions, the following report was adopted by a vote of 73 to 27 :

"Your Committee to whom was referred the motion of W. Bro. Alex. Ross, viz., that a P. M. from any other Jurisdiction affiliating with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall not be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge unless filling the Warden's or Master's chair, or having passed the chair of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, beg to report as follows :

"We communicated on the subject with Grand Lodges in Canada, the United States, and also with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, and we have the views and opinions of about forty hereunto attached.

"We do not find by any means a unanimity of opinions. For many years this Grand Lodge has allowed all P. M.'s the privilege of attending and voting in G. L.; no difference was made because an affiliate came from a sister Jurisdiction.

"After a careful study of the opinions before us and the subject generally, we are not disposed to support the motion of W. Bro. Ross.

"We have come to this conclusion because we believe it is more in harmony with the principles of our time-honored institution and its justly claimed universality and certainly more in the interest of the Craft generally, that a P. M. of a lawfully constituted Lodge of a Sister Jurisdiction, should be affiliate with us, should take the same position as a P. M. who had passed the chair in a Lodge under our own Jurisdiction; and further, in view of the fact that four out of the six other Grand Lodges of this Dominion act upon the broad view and have thrown their doors wide open to P. M.'s of this and other outside Jurisdictions. We think this Grand Lodge would take a step backward if it approved of the motion before it, and thereby exclude from its membership Past Masters of Jurisdictions which fraternally recognize and honor ours."

The report on Correspondence is by Bros. Thomas B. Flint and F. B. N. Norman-Lee. Canada for 1892 receives a good notice.

Duncan C. Fraser (New Glasgow), G. M.

William Ross (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

84th Communication, Cleveland, Oct. 18, 1893.

Allen Andrews, G. M.

On the subject of Foreign relations he says :

"We have established and maintained official comity with all the Grand Lodges in America, with the single exception of Tennessee. And even in this case it is only an unnecessary interruption growing out of different opinions entertained by former Grand Masters, and is no serious obstacle to a resumption of official courtesy and exchange of representatives. We have also established and maintained fraternal and official relations with most of the Grand Lodges of foreign nations of the world.

"I have had some correspondence with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge League of Germany on the line pointed out by your action last year, but an understanding has not yet been fully completed.

"This is probably because my letter directing attention to your action, and explaining the same, did not reach its destination until the Grand Lodge League had held its Annual Communication. And I therefore suppose it must wait until they convene again. I have no doubt that in time we will receive the required assurance that the so-called Colored Grand Lodge of Ohio is not recognized, not because of any objection to race or color, but because of the fundamental law of Masonry that a Junior Grand Lodge can not exist in rivalry with a Senior Grand Lodge in the same territory.

"I have taken no action in the cases of the Grand Lodges of Denmark, Hungary and Sweden, or of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, because, as I understood the expression of this Grand Lodge last year, they were to take the initiative."

We are glad to notice that Bro. Andrews does not favor the harsh and unmasonic doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. He says :

"As you are well aware, we adhere to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, so that a person once rejected in one of our lodges is forever ineligible for Masonry without the consent of that lodge, no matter where he may go or how worthy he may become.

"This position involves us in labor, correspondence, difficulty, and sometimes in misunderstanding and irritation.

"When we consider that a blackball may be cast through personal pique, or for reasons local or temporary in their nature, it is not clear that this doctrine has its foundation in philosophy and justice. Higher estimation of human nature, belief in the possibilities of reformation and broader charity would seem to suggest that the candidate after the lapse of a certain time, when he had moved elsewhere, should be relieved of the brand placed upon him.

"Many Grand Jurisdictions have taken this view, and either never adopted, or have discarded the idea of perpetual ineligibility of a candidate once rejected."

He recommended that the proper committee should consider this subject and report whether a change should be made, but we cannot find that any action was taken thereon. The committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the matter was referred, make no mention of it. Perhaps they did not desire to change their rule, but could not find any good argument for its continuance.

On the Order of the Eastern Star, Bro. Andrews says :

"In December the officers of Bolivar Lodge, No. 87, of Eaton, made application to me for a dispensation authorizing the Lodge to permit the temporary use of its rooms by the Chapter of Eastern Star of that place.

"I was not unmindful of the resolutions of this Grand Lodge, and the decisions of its Grand Masters directed against 'Side Degrees,' 'Adoptive' or 'Androgynous' Masonry, and against 'Cernaivism,' but I do not construe these to forbid a dispensation of the character requested. I think the distinction is this:

"That any Society claiming to be Masonic, and yet not so recognized by this Grand Lodge, should be forbidden the use of the Masonic property; but any social or benevolent society not pretending to be Masonic, and not using Masonic signs or symbolism, may be allowed the temporary use of our Lodge Rooms under the dispensation of the Grand Master and with the consent of the Lodge, according to Section 76, of the Code.

"Now, the Order of Eastern Star, as I understand it, makes no pretensions to be Masonic, does not claim or practice any of the signs or symbols of Masonry, and I see no reason why it does not stand in the same relation to us as other benevolent and social societies. I can not see why these organizations composed of the mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters of Masons, should not be treated with consideration, at least equal to that which we give to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and similar Orders.

"Accordingly I granted the request and issued the dispensation, subject to the unanimous consent of all Masonic bodies meeting in the Lodge Rooms.

"This action, however, became known, and so many similar demands were made, that in view of the pending amendment to Sec. 79 of the Code, introduced last year, I was constrained to refuse all other such dispensations. I felt that while the Grand Master had the power, and that while it might be proper to exercise it in special cases, it would be, nevertheless, inadvisable, and perhaps improper, to introduce a general policy in this way, and thereby anticipate and embarrass the action of the Grand Lodge on the amendment."

The Grand Lodge appears to have been completely successful in suppressing their clandestine lodges and also in their lawsuits, all of which is matter for sincere congratulation.

"The position taken by the Fraternity in Ohio and the measures adopted to suppress clandestine organizations claiming to be Masonic, were wise and effective. The wisdom of this position and these measures are now clearly manifest. The strife and unhalloved contentions that raged a few years ago have entirely disappeared, and general harmony prevails. The Cernaieau bodies have melted away, and, with perhaps a single exception, have become extinct. The clandestine and illegal Grand Lodge which pretended to organize in 1891 at Worthington, according to best information, started five unlawful subordinate lodges, one each at Worthington, Coshocton and Bucyrus, and two at Columbus. These lodges are aimless, lifeless and fruitless, except the two at Columbus, styled Franklin and Columbian. These two bodies have a considerable membership and hold regular meetings. They solicit candidates, and accept as members persons rejected by regular lodges, and persons having but one eye, one arm, one leg, or other physical or moral imperfections disqualifying them from membership in regular lodges. Attempts have

been made to establish clandestine lodges elsewhere in the State, but were frustrated by diligent brethren who made known the character of these illegal organizations. The method is to make up a class of men who are desirous of Masonry, and to pretend to them that they are about to organize a new lodge, and that all who join in the beginning can obtain the degrees for \$10. At the same time, these deluded men are cautioned not to divulge the movement to any Masonic friend, for they are told that the lodges already established are jealous of new lodges and opposed to their organization, and they are assured that as soon as they receive the degrees they will be chartered as a new lodge and stand on an equality with the older lodges.

"Some good men who do not know the regulations of our Order, supposing they are receiving genuine Masonry, are deceived in this way. At Springfield a large number were thus beguiled, and were about to take these bogus degrees, when the Worshipful Masters of Clarke and Anthony Lodges, Bros. W. H. Schaus and Edmund C. Gwyn, became aware of the scheme and apprised the candidates of the mistake they were about to make. Of course, the whole plan then failed, for no good, moral man, worthy of Masonry, will join such a body when he knows its purpose and character.

"Last May, on their invitation, and in company with Bro. D. N. Kinsman, I met and conferred in Columbus with about thirty or forty of the members of the so-called Franklin and Columbian Lodges. They wanted me to heal them and others, and in some way organize them into a lawful Lodge, and offered to dissolve the clandestine bodies. They claimed to have been deceived into joining what they believed was a regular Lodge, and I have no doubt there were many excellent gentlemen among them. I felt it my duty, however, to say to them that the clandestine Lodges were made up of two classes, namely—those who were unworthy of Masonry, and those who were good men, and who had been duped to join under the impression that they were seeking admission into a regular Lodge; and that the former could not be admitted into our Fraternity under any circumstances, and that the latter might make applications, one by one, to any established Lodge in the usual way, and that each candidate would be considered upon his individual merits. There is no way whereby a majority, or any number collectively, can renounce allegiance to the clandestine organizations and be healed or received into a Subordinate Lodge, or made Masons; and this point was impressed upon them. The fact however, that one was deluded into joining a bogus lodge would not of itself disqualify him for Masonry, provided he made proper renunciation.

"Some of them availed themselves of the opportunity and the way pointed out, but the greater number still adhere to the illegal bodies.

"The attempt to organize a rebellion against this Grand Lodge, and to plant clandestine bodies in this State, has not only failed of recognition but has encountered the just condemnation of all the Grand Lodges of the world in fraternal correspondence with us. This is a source of gratification to us, and a new guarantee of the perpetuity of our institutions.

"There has been little change in the litigation against the Grand Lodge brought by the Cerneaus. They have been beaten in every trial, and have abandoned all their cases except those in Columbus and Cleveland. The case in the latter city is still pending. The court overruled the demurrer of defendant to the jurisdiction, and the case has not been tried on the merits. Of the two cases in Columbus

the Cerneaus were beaten in both in the Common Pleas Court. They then abandoned further prosecution of the one case and the judgment of the court remains in full force against them. The other case they appealed to the Circuit Court, where they were again beaten. They next published and circulated a false statement that the court had decided in their favor. Then in denial of their own statement, and in contradiction of themselves, they carried the case on error to the Supreme Court, where it is now pending.

"In all these cases, except the one in Cleveland, the courts have not adjudged the actions of this Grand Lodge either right or wrong. But the courts have held, in all cases, that the controversy is not a subject-matter of civil jurisprudence, to be decided in secular courts, but that it is a Masonic question, to be settled by the authorities of our Order, and that the civil courts of the land have no power to interfere.

"This is the very thing we have contended for, and the decision we desire. For if the courts have the authority to pronounce what we have done, in this instance, to be right, they would be authorized to pronounce what we may do in other instances to be wrong. It would then follow that the Courts might regulate the Masonic Order. As Masons, we have the greatest possible respect and reverence for the courts and other institutions of our country; and the position of the courts on this subject is important to us, for it leaves us free to regulate purely Masonic matters for ourselves.

"Since the last case has been pending in the Supreme Court eight of the plaintiffs, about one-fourth of the whole number, who were formerly members in good standing in Goodale Lodge, No. 327, have expressed a desire to renounce Cerneauism and clandestine Masonry, and to be restored to their former place in the lodge. This desire was communicated to me, and I held that they must first withdraw from the lawsuit against the Grand Lodge; that we could not receive any one who would greet us with one hand and carry on a warfare against us, in the courts, with the other hand. Accordingly, they moved the Supreme Court for leave to withdraw from the case. The court, on June 24, 1893, sustained the motion and granted leave. These eight, therefore, withdrew as plaintiffs from the case. I am informed by Bro. Sater, who has the case in charge, that four more of plaintiffs have moved to withdraw, and that still others desire to withdraw and renounce Cerneauism."

The outlook is very encouraging for the Craft in Ohio. They have over 38,000 members in good standing, a net gain of 1045.

The following report of the committee on ritual was adopted:

"The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand Master as relates to the Ritual and its dissemination, submit the following report:

"1st. We recommend that a copy of the cipher Ritual be furnished each of the Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, but under such restrictions as the Grand Master may deem necessary, and he may recall said Ritual from any Master or Lodge at any time at his option. And the Grand Master is hereby authorized to have six hundred (600) copies of said Ritual printed, and after having furnished the Lodges with rituals as above stated the residue to be placed with the Grand Secretary subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

"2d. We recommend the appointment by the Grand Master of twenty-five (25) District Lecturers, who, after their appointment, shall be members of this Grand Lodge and entitled to all its privileges by virtue of such appointment during the term of the Grand Master making such appointment unless sooner removed by him.

3d. We recommend that the State be divided into twenty-five lecture districts by the Grand Master and a Lecturer to be appointed from each of said districts as provided for in item two (2) of this report, and it shall be the duty of said Lecturer so appointed to visit each and every Lodge in his district during the Masonic year, either in person or by a Deputy, and he shall make two written reports to the Grand Master during the year of visitations made. His first report to be submitted on or before April 1st of each year of visitations made up to that date, and his second and final report for the year at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

"The actual expenses paid by the Lecturer or deputy in making in such visitations shall be paid by the Lodges visited."

Tasmania, New Zealand and Oklohomia were recognized.

The system of Grand Representatives was retained.

The "Eastern Star" may occupy Masonic halls.

Our Grand Representative, Bro. C. A. Woodward, duly responded to the roll-call. We will never forget the stiff examination he put us through when visiting his Chapter in Cleveland somewhere in the sixties. He was H. P. then and a terror to evil-doers.

Canada for 1892 receives most courteous attention at the hands of Bro. W. M. Cunningham. On the landmarks, he says :

"The examination of every genuine copy of the ancient charges and regulations known, from the Regius Manuscript attributed to the fourteenth century, to Anderson or to the present time will show that there are many points in each, *common to all*, however the language by which the lessons are communicated may differ, hence, that very *universality* makes them landmarks. The same can also be said of the term *universal* ritualistic ceremonies; if any are *universal* then they are landmarks, and however simple those ceremonies may have been, from the inculcation of a belief in Deity and the love of the Brotherhood to the reception of even but one word; if that was all, which, however, we do not concede, there was and is a universality therein which constitutes such as landmarks and as stated in this connection by the writer in 1897. 'Whilst language and modes of expression may change, the *truths* and *principles* taught in our Esoteric Ceremonies are *unchangeable* and are therefore landmarks.

He does not consider compulsory membership to be in accordance with the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Correct.

His report covers 250 pages, but we have space for only a part of his conclusion, in which he combats the theory of there being only one degree prior to 1745 :

"In conclusion the writer may be permitted to say that although

thus far but comparatively little attention has been given by Masonic writers to other than generalities in relation to the dual features of Freemasonry in considering it under its two denominations of Operative and Speculative, whilst there may be in their separate consideration and a careful analysis and study of all features pertaining thereto, whether historical, practical or speculative, a possibility of throwing much light upon that which is as yet obscure or contradictory; and the difficulties met with in the endeavor to harmonize its history with its traditions and Ritual may be overcome by a correct understanding of its Symbology. It is a matter of congratulation that the 'One Degree' and the theory of a common origin and connection with ancient 'Trade Guilds' have now been very generally abandoned, by Masonic writers, and when it is considered that as late as 1675 a regulation was enacted by the Lodge of Melrose restoring the term of service of the 'Prentisses' from three or four years to seven years, without mention of any difference between the Operative or Speculative, and as it is well known that the Regius and other old manuscripts and copies of the Ancient Constitutions and regulations not only show that many of the requisites to be possessed by the Apprentice could refer only to those who were candidates for its Speculative mysteries, but also show that its two characteristics of Operative and Speculative were *then as now pertinent* to the Institution. Hence it may be reasonably inferred that it was not at all improbable that a difference existed in the initiatory methods on ceremonies of each—and whilst the 'Masson Word, etc.,' may have been, in the Scottish Lodges, communicated in a very 'simpel manner,' yet it is not shown that there were no other Masonic ceremonies, either in initiatory or in other connections, but on the contrary the Ancient Constitutions, History Charges, Songs, etc., in their possession were evidently for a Masonic purpose, and how or when or in what connection used, that use was in itself a ceremonial. And in this connection the very existence of these ancient, time-worn manuscripts and the consequent regulations and charges are a sufficient proof of the existence of Masonic ceremonials, whilst the manner and mode of their use is a matter of much less consequence than their symbolic signification.

"The speculative character of Freemasonry must have been to some extent at least, understood by the *general public* even as early as 1721, as Dr. Stukely says that

'His curiosity led him to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, suspecting it to be the remains of the Antients.'"

Allen Andrews (Hamilton), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OREGON.

43rd Communication, Portland, June 14, 1893.

F. A. Moore, G. M.

Our Representative, Bro. Donald McKay, duly answered to the roll-call.

"Peace reigns, plenty abounds, and our Fraternity has wonderfully prospered." Four new lodges were formed.

A special committee was appointed to prepare a new Constitution and By-laws.

Tasmania and Oklahoma were recognized.

The Grand Master was authorized to appoint a Grand Lecturer.

They have 97 lodges and 4,429 members, an increase of 263.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Oregon, accept the communication from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and thank the members thereof for their kind greeting, and said Grand Lodge will be glad of their co-operation in the fraternal and charitable work of the Masonic order, and that when the members of this Grand Lodge go back to their several homes, they will endeavor to do all in their power toward furthering the interest of the Order of the Eastern Star among Masons and their families, and that this resolution be entered on the minutes of this Grand Lodge, and a copy sent to the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, now in session."

The system of Grand Representatives was retained.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and gives numerous extracts from our Proceedings for 1892.

J. C. Moreland (Portland), G. M.

S. F. Chadwick (Salem), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1893.

Michael Arnold, G. M.

Lodges, 414 ; new lodges, 5 ; members, 45,937 ; increase, 1,911.

They have three Charity Funds—the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, and the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund. The total amount expended from these three Funds during the year was \$7,715 to about 600 recipients.

The Grand Master announces the continued welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction, an increase in numbers and a large decrease in the debt of the Grand Lodge. The decrease in the debt was \$68,278.58, but it still stands at the respectable figure of \$587,625 70

We have always understood that the ceremony of laying a corner-stone, when performed by Masons clothed as such, was peculiarly a Masonic ceremony, but if Bro. Arnold is to be taken as an authority, our ideas on this subject will need revision. His argument would lead us to ask what business they had there at all as Masons unless it was a Masonic ceremony.

"As these ceremonies were performed in public, it may be well to state that we do not consider the laying of a corner-stone a Masonic

ceremony exclusively. It is a public ceremony performed by Masons. Such a ceremony may be performed by bishops, or other clergymen, public officials, or any other person; and I apprehend that no one would consider the mere act of laying a corner-stone a Masonic ceremony, although it may be done by Masons, any more than it would be considered a church ceremony, when done by an ecclesiastic, or a State ceremony, when done by the Governor."

To follow out his argument he must declare that our Funeral Service is not a Masonic ceremony because it is performed in public.

The Grand Master thus explains his action in the abolition of the system of Grand Representatives :

"My predecessor, the Hon. J. Simpson, Africa, in his Annual Address on St John's day, 1892, in speaking of the custom of appointing representatives, stated that it is of comparatively modern origin. The Ahiman Rezon of 1825, the right of the Grand Master to appoint a brother to represent him in a sister Grand Lodge was recognized; and this recognition appears in the Ahiman Rezon now in force.

"After giving his opinion that the appointment is one of the prerogatives of the Grand Master, which cannot be abridged or infringed, and stating that the etiquette observed in the matter had provoked unpleasant correspondence between Grand Masters, he recommended that the practice of appointing representatives be abolished, as useless, cumbersome, and promotive of inharmony. As the opinion thus expressed by the Grand Master of Africa coincided with my own views formed long ago, one of the first of my official acts was to issue a letter to the several Grand Masters, informing them that I had concluded to withdraw my representatives near other Grand Masters. At the same time I issued a letter to the several representatives of the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, recalling their commissions, and and a letter to the several representatives of other Grand Master, informing them of my action and requesting them to give me notice in case they saw fit to resign their commissions. Copies of this correspondence are attached hereto.

"The practice of appointing representatives is an imitation of the practice of sovereigns, in sending to and receiving from each other accredited representatives, through whom correspondence by and between those sovereigns is conducted.

"Being an imitation, an examination of the genuine system may be useful in this connection. In early ages permanent representatives were not appointed, but as occasion required, emperors or kings, desiring to communicate with each other, sent their communications by representatives. But as, in the course of time, communications between nations became frequent the custom arose of sending resident representatives, called Foreign Ministers or Ambassadors. They are, however, representatives of the sovereign only. They are appointed by one sovereign and accredited to another. The appointment as well as reception of a representative is the act of the sovereign, be he president, emperor, or king. It is not the act of the legislative body of the country from which he comes or to which he is sent. The sovereign who sends him may recall him, and the sovereign who receives him may withdraw his recognition and direct the representative to withdraw from the country. The usual course is for the sovereign, to whom a representative is sent,

to request the sovereign, who sent the representative, to recall him. This request cannot be refused without violating the etiquette of the system. If it is, then the sovereign, whose request has been refused, may withdraw his recognition and dismiss the representative. This is the diplomatic law and etiquette on the subject.

"In the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as I have said before, the appointment is altogether the act of the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge has nothing to do with it, either by way of confirmation or otherwise. The reception of a representative is also the act of the Grand Master, and not the act of the Grand Lodge; although, through error, it has been usual to read and act upon the commission in the Grand Lodge.

"In thus dispensing with representatives from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania to other Grand Masters, I did not mean to be understood as intending to refuse to recognize and receive representatives who might be sent to me by other Grand Masters, for that would be discourteous; but, on the contrary, I will continue to receive and recognize such representatives as may be duly accredited to me but their commissions will no longer be read in Grand Lodge. The spectacle of a Grand Lodge receiving a representative is not more incongruous than the spectacle of Congress receiving and recognizing a Minister from England, or the Parliament of England receiving and recognizing an American Minister. So long as the imitation is kept up, we will make it as near like the original as possible.

"Representatives are not officers of the Grand Lodge; hence I have directed that in the future their presence, as representatives, in the Grand Lodge, shall not be noted upon the minutes. This also is an adherence to the custom which the system imitates; for no one ever heard of the British Minister recorded as a member of Congress, or of the American Minister recorded as a member of Parliament.

"In thus relieving myself and successors of the disagreeable correspondence and entanglements which this system entailed upon my predecessors, I repeat, as I stated in my letter abolishing the system, that I did it for no other purpose than to end a practice which has become superfluous and unnecessary, and which practically subverts no recognized Masonic advantages; and that I did this with entire respect to the Grand Masters of the several Masonic Jurisdictions, with the earnest desire and hope that the fraternal and cordial relations existing between them and their Grand Lodges and the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, may continue in true Masonic spirit."

The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight is not often exercised. It is more honored in the breach than in the observance. Bro. Arnold, however, fearful that this "ancient landmark" (?) might be forfeited by non-user, exercised his prerogative upon two occasions, although one would have been quite sufficient to establish the principle. No other reasons are given as to why these candidates were so specially favored or why they could not have gone through in the ordinary way:

"On May 3, 1893, I called a special meeting of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of making a Mason at sight, and on June 13, 1893, I visited Lodge No. 59 for the same purpose.

"This prerogative of the Grand Master is of ancient origin, and while used in but few instances at the present time, nevertheless, as the prerogative exists, I have deemed it proper to exercise it in order that it might not be said that it has become obsolete by non user. The Ahiman Rezon enumerates among his powers, 'to cause Masons to be made in his presence,' and 'to grant dispensations for making Masons.' Many years ago it was quite usual for the Grand Master in person, or by dispensation, to make a Mason at sight. It was done at that time upon merchants and ship owners visiting this city from foreign parts, who, during the time occupied in disposing of their wares and laying in return cargoes, became desirous of being initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, in order that they might have the rights and privileges of Brethren while they were among us, as well as elsewhere. This act is now done only upon persons within our jurisdiction, or in the case of residents of other States, we request a waiver of jurisdiction by the Grand Master thereof before conferring the degrees."

Several Schools of Instruction were authorized and the result is apparent in the uniformity of work throughout the State and the interest manifested by the Brethren therein.

The Masonic Home is now one of the great charities of the State. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

The Art Association has done great and enduring work in decorating three of the most prominent rooms in the Temple. The Egyptian, Ionic and Norman rooms are models in the way of decoration.

Bro. Richard Vaux reports on Correspondence and continues his labored arguments in favor of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. They have been often confuted and utterly nullified by the strong common sense and the sturdy, self-respecting sense of justice of many able Brethren, but he still toils on with a perseverance worthy of a far better cause, trying to make us believe that a most unjust and arbitrary rule, which would follow with ignominy a fellow mortal to the uttermost parts of the Masonic world, is the very quintessence of wisdom in Pennsylvania.

Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

Michael Arnold (Philadelphia), G. M.

Michael Nisbet (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

18th Communication, Charlottetown, June 26, 1893.

Simon W. Crabbe, G. M.

The returns show a slight decrease in the membership, "which may be expected, as there are so many leaving the country for the Northwest and the United States." They have 12 lodges and 493 members.

The finances would not allow of the publication of the report on Correspondence. It was prepared by Bro. C. W. Wakeford.

Thomas A. Maclean (Charlottetown), G. M.

B. Wilson Higgs (Charlottetown), G. S.

QUEBEC.

24th Communication, Montreal, Jan. 31, 1894.

Thomas P. Butler, G. M.

He reports the death of two Past Grand Masters—Bros. E. R. Johnson and J. Fred. Walker. Both of these distinguished brethren had been active members of the Grand Lodge for many years, and were endeared to their fellow-craftsmen by many good qualities.

A joint stock company has been formed for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Temple in Montreal.

A very large majority of the population of the province is opposed to the Craft on sectarian religious grounds, and the brethren are to be congratulated on their continued prosperity in spite of that fact. They have 57 lodges and 3,318 members, a gain of 129.

The following motion was ruled out of order, as notice is required to be given to amend the Constitution, which specifies the clothing and regalia to be worn by lodges :

"That St. John's Lodge No. 13, of the city of Quebec, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is hereby authorized to use gold gilt lace and jewels of gold for the collars of its officers and aprons of its members, in place of the usual blue and silver. This distinction being accorded by this Grand Lodge in recognition of the fact that St. John's Lodge No. 3 has been over one hundred years in existence."

The following resolution was adopted :

"That this Grand Lodge, now in session, do appoint a commission to confer with other Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada as to the advisability of petitioning the Parliament of the Dominion for incorporation of the Masonic Fraternity of Canada."

The Grand Secretary was directed to enquire as to the alleged existence in Montreal of a lodge working under the Grand Lodge of Spain, and to take the necessary steps to preserve the jurisdiction.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers has another good report on Correspondence, in which he gives fraternal mention to our Proceedings of 1893.

John P. Noyes (Sweetsburg), G. M.

J. H. Isaacson (Montreal), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

103rd Communication, Providence, May 15, 1893.

Stillman White, G. M.

These Proceedings call for no special comment. The Craft are in a prosperous condition and the usual harmony prevails. They have 36 lodges and 4,469 members, an increase of 137. The committee on work are making some necessary grammatical changes. The Grand Master conferred the degree of Past Master upon the Grand Lecturer and four District Deputies. It appears that they have had this degree in abeyance for 24 years, as the last time it was conferred was in 1868.

Elisha H. Rhodes (Providence), G. M.

Edwin Baker (Providence), G. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly Communication, Adelaide, July 20, 1892.

The Earl of Kintore, G. M.

A brother was admonished for furnishing a report of the proceedings of his lodge to a newspaper and cautioned not to offend again.

A large number of amendments to the Constitution were adopted.

Quarterly Communication, Oct. 19, 1892.

On the question of precedence between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, the latter Grand Lodge considered that no such question could arise between Sovereign Grand Lodges except as a matter of etiquette. On receiving this reply the Grand Lodge of South Australia unanimously passed the following resolution :

"That whereas the question of seniority was first raised by Officers of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales this Grand Lodge regrets the determination of that Grand Lodge to refuse to submit to arbitration as proposed, and, whereas the Grand Lodge of South Australia was established in the year 1884, and the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in the year 1888, it is now resolved that on all occasions wheresoever and whensoever the question may arise this Grand Lodge insists upon its right to be recognized as the Senior Grand Lodge of Australia."

A proposition recommended by the Board of General Purposes to omit the publication of the 25 so called "Ancient Landmarks" from the new edition of the Constitution was voted down.

The Ritual Committee held a special Lodge of Instruction, which was numerously attended, and the work was fully exemplified. We copy part of their report :

"All Brethren who attended were permitted to discuss at length the Ritual as exemplified, and to propose amendments; and in order to give time for reflecting on the changes introduced, and opportunity to suggest further amendments, it was announced in the lodge, and advertised in the *South Australian Freemason* of 15th September, that the Ritual Committee were prepared to receive and consider suggested amendments if sent in writing to the Grand Secretary on or before 19th September. Upon the Worshipful Master's assurance to the foregoing effect being given at the meeting on 12th September, Bro. Jasper Bee, P. M., proposed that 'This meeting approves generally of the Ritual exemplified by the Special Lodge of Instruction.' The proposal was seconded by Bro. Brookes, P. M., and carried on a show of hands.

"On 20th September the Ritual Committee met and carefully considered all the amendments which had been sent to the Grand Secretary, and adopted many of them.

"The committee approves of the exemplified Ritual as thus amended, and respectfully recommends Grand Lodge to approve and confirm it, together with the revised ceremonies of Installing Masters of Lodges, of Consecrating Lodges, and of Masonic Burial, mentioned in this committee's report of 6th January, 1892, to Grand Lodge.

"The committee is of opinion that to make any recommendation touching the manner in which, and the time at which, the exemplified Ritual, if approved and confirmed by Grand Lodge, shall be introduced into practice, is beyond its functions, and therefore abstains from reporting on those subjects; but begs permission to suggest that they be referred to the V. W. the Board of General Purposes for consideration and report."

Quarterly Communication, January 18, 1893.

The following are extracts from the report of the Board :

"The Board recommend that the revised Ritual, as exemplified by the Ritual Committee acting as a Special Lodge of Instruction, and whose report was adopted by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication held October 19th, 1892, be brought into use by the several lodges in the jurisdiction on and after the dates of the next installation in each lodge. The Board have made satisfactory arrangements for the printing and sale of the Ritual. * * *

"The attention of the Board has been called to the illegal practice of some brethren attending Grand Lodge wearing jewels unconnected with the degrees of Freemasonry recognized by the Grand Lodge, in violation of clause 182 of the Constitution. The Board recommend that the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler be informed that it is their duty to prevent a continuation of this violation of the law. * * *

"Grand Lodge having, at the October Quarterly Communication, promptly, and by a large majority, rejected the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes that the so-called 'Ancient Landmarks' be not included in the new Book of Constitutions, the President will move the non confirmation of the minutes as regards this in order that the Grand Lodge may have an opportunity of reconsidering its decision. The Board, with much diffidence, considering that possibly many of the brethren of Grand Lodge have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the learned remarks and criticisms of the late Bro. Albert Pike on the Ancient Land-

marks which they now respectfully submit to Grand Lodge, and feel that some may hear him who would not listen to them, as the Board concur in the opinion of the Masonic world that Bro. Albert Pike was the most thorough and profound Masonic scholar that America has yet produced. For the learned criticisms hereunto appended, the Board are indebted to the Report on the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the year 1888, by Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary."

Then follows the criticisms of Bros. Pike and Parvin and their demolition of Bro. Mackey's "Landmarks." In the discussion which ensued, the only argument in favor of the publication was that the Grand Lodge had authorized it some eight years ago. It was finally decided, by a vote of 28 to 12, that the Landmarks be omitted from the Constitution.

Quarterly Commuication, April 19, 1893

During the past quarter, 41 applicants were relieved to the extent of £114, and the sufferers by the floods received £30.

In the report of the Grand Inspector of Lodges, he says :

"Another Constitution to which I called attention last year was No. 106, requiring candidates to sign declarations *before* being proposed. This clause I am happy to report I have this year found to be invariably observed. * * *

"The revised ritual which has received the approval of Grand Lodge is now in course of printing and will shortly be ready for publication. When copies are obtainable I propose that it shall be practised in the S. A. Lodge of Instruction, and I hope to find that the incoming masters and officers will all work their Lodges in conformity with it and thus ensure that uniformity of working which is so desirable."

R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt was re-elected as their Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

They have 39 lodges and 2,378 members, an increase of 55.

The Earl of Kintore (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

117th Communication, Charleston, Dec. 12, 1893.

Stiles P. Dendy, G. M.

Two new lodges were formed and one revived. The Grand Master arrested the Charter of a lodge for having initiated a candidate with only one eye, which seems to us rather a severe punishment for an offence which is really no offence at all. Such a defect does not "render him incapable of learning the art or serving his master's lord," and it should be no bar to his admission, if otherwise qualified.

New Zealand and Oklahoma were recognized.

The Constitution was amended so as to allow Past Grand Masters to vote and receive the same pay as representatives.

Stiles P. Dendy (Walhalla), G. M.

Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

19th Communication, Yankton, June 13, 1893.

Harvey J. Rice, G. M.

One new lodge was formed and the membership increased by 211. The Grand Lecturer reports all the lodges enjoying prosperity except one.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria was recognized.

The office of Grand Lecturer was continued, but the lodges who ask for his visits must pay his expenses themselves, as the salary was discontinued.

The following regulation was adopted :

"When two or more Lodges hold concurrent jurisdiction over an application for the degrees in Masonry, and the petition is rejected, the Lodge so rejecting shall hold exclusive jurisdiction over the applicant so long as he remains a resident within its jurisdiction.

"A waiver of said jurisdiction shall be granted only upon a unanimous ballot at a stated communication."

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. William Blatt, and our Proceedings for 1892 received a good notice.

Richard C. McCallister (Madison), G. M.

Charles T. McCoy (Aberdeen), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

18th Communication, Nashville, Jan. 31, 1894.

B. F. Price, G. M.

The following remarks of the Grand Master will be found applicable to more than one jurisdiction. It is not often that we come across such plain speaking, and it is a pleasure to know that there is some one who is not afraid to say exactly what he thinks :

"During the year I have granted but one dispensation to form a new Lodge, and that was ordered by this Grand Body at its last annual session. I question the policy of establishing new Lodges at every country cross road as a matter of convenience to some of the brethren, and because they say that if they do not succeed in establishing a Lodge at that particular point they will dimit and not attend Lodge at all. This is the way it has been presented to me in several instances, and in every case I have told them that if their love for Masonry was measured by a few short miles, especially when the weather was good, the roads fine, and they had a good horse, then, indeed had they better dimit, as they were not actuated by a Masonic spirit in their petition, and that Masonry could do better without

them than they could without Masonry. In every instance I have found the true inwardness of these petitions to be to satisfy the ambition of some disgruntled Brother who thinks he should have been Master of his Lodge several years ago. I find, by referring to the records of this Grand Lodge, that quite a number of Lodges draw out, in millege and per diem, much more than they pay into the treasury, and all this is because these Lodges, in a great measure, are finished. I mean this, they have a membership of from ten to twenty-five, have some good old Brother as Master who has served them for so many years that they do not propose to make a change as long as he lives. This good old Brother has a sufficient following to hold him in office and send him to Nashville once a year, and 'there his ambition ends.' What cares such a Lodge for work? They would not know a degree, correctly conferred, even though it were done by the Custodians. In fact, they would rather not do any work; they would rather discharge their duty by making promises to the Grand Master or declining to send for the Grand Lecturer because 'they are too poor.' I tell you, brethren, that the number of puny, sickly, delicate little Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is astonishing. They are an incubus upon Masonry and a drawback upon our noble Order. To lend my aid to increase this state of affairs I could not conscientiously, and therefore did not.

"I am led to the above conclusions from the following state of facts as shown be the returns of last year:

- 100 Lodges reported a membership of less than 30.
- 43 Lodges reported a membership of less than 20.
- 3 Lodges reported a membership of just 17.
- 6 Lodges reported a membership of just 16.
- 7 Lodges reported a membership of just 15.
- 5 Lodges reported a membership of just 14.
- 4 Lodges reported a membership of just 10.

"I am satisfied that the membership of all these Lodges can be increased with good men and true, provided this Grand Lodge will take the matter in hand and make some practical suggestions in that direction."

The system of Grand Representatives was abolished.

The Masonic Home in Nashville is now in successful operation, having 34 inmates. Its foundation is largely due to the energy and zeal of the President and Secretary, Bros. M. B. Toney and W. H. Bumpas, who have for many years given their time, talent, and money toward the upbuilding of this noble charity, without the hope of fee or reward. Bro. Bumpas, in his report, says:

"The Home has now been in operation for fourteen months, during which time every widow and every child has felt the benefits of the institution physically, morally, mentally and religiously.

"It is not a place of elegant ease and idleness, but one of *work, improvement, education, comfort and elevation*. It is a *Home of many homes*, with God-fearing and God-serving members, each and every one feeling the responsibility of training the young to useful citizenship, and to a higher and nobler life than one of mere ease and indulgence. The rooms are substantially furnished—not out of the general fund, but by lodges and friends who wish to do this special part as a

memorial, and the high standard of home erected in these rooms for the children is expected to be emulated when they leave the institution and go out into the world for themselves. We are rearing men and women, not menials.

"The school is of a high order, presided over by a graduate of the Peabody Normal, and it is just to say that the salary of the teacher is paid by Davidson County under the public school law.

"The education of the children, after they receive a good English foundation, will be specially directed with reference to the aptitude displayed, so that the boy or girl may be prepared for self-support when they are released from the Home.

"Suitable trades and positions will be selected for such as are not fitted for higher education.

"Bear in mind that no false ideas are to be encouraged, but that the whole atmosphere of the institution is moral and spiritual elevation, and that all are taught that nothing is more honorable than labor, and no excellence attained without it, and we are proud to feel that the possibilities of these children will be equal to many in the land.

"Again we would remind you that no salaries are paid the officers of the Home except those in the building.

"You are now familiar with what has been done, and what is being done. You are the representatives of the lodges who have so cheerfully given their aid to the great charity, and it remains with you to foster and cherish it, or to see it neglected."

A committee was appointed to devise ways and means for securing a permanent endowment for the Home. The Grand Lodge voted \$2,000 to pay off the debt, and pledges were received toward the endowment of \$5,860.

Bro. G. C. Connor again reports on Correspondence in his usual able and interesting manner. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

Henry A. Chambers (Chattanooga), G. M.

John Frizzell (Nashville), G. S.

To the great sorrow of all his brethren, Bro. George C. Connor died on the 9th of March, 1894. He was widely known as an able and capable writer and one who was thoroughly posted in all departments of Masonic knowledge. His loss will be deeply felt, and we tender to our brethren in Tennessee our deepest sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

TEXAS.

58th Communication, Houston, Dec. 5, 1893.

Thomas B. Cochran, G. M.

He issued dispensations for 15 new lodges. We copy three of his decisions with approval:

"That the provision of the Grand Lodge constitution, which declares that 'the use of vinous or spirituous liquors in rooms of a Lodge is of evil example and pernicious effect, and is absolutely pro-

hibited,' extends to all gatherings of Masons permitted to use the rooms of our Lodges, whatever be the name or character of the organization.

"It would seem upon first blush, that this ruling involves an unwarranted interference with the affairs of other organizations, but when we consider the restrictions laid upon our subordinates as to the exclusive use and control of their halls, and the full scope of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, it is believed that the provisions of the constitution have not been unduly extended.

"We permit bodies professing a connection with Symbolic Masonry and composed exclusively of Masons to meet in our halls, and only say to them in so doing, their practices must conform to the requirements of our law. There can be no condition of a Mason's life where a rule of conduct prescribed by the Grand Lodge, in whose jurisdiction he is, is not binding on him. * * *

"That the Investigating Committee should investigate not only the moral character and standing of the committee, but also questions of jurisdiction, physical qualifications, and in general everything that the Lodge is called to pass upon in balloting on the candidate. * * *

"That the Grand Lodge cannot permit its subordinates to incorporate. Their existence depends on the will of the parent body, and there is neither wisdom nor necessity for any form of corporate existence outside of the charter of the Grand Lodge."

They have 561 lodges, all making returns except one, with 24,473 members, an increase of 344.

On the subject of Masonry in Mexico, the following report was adopted :

"Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Grand Master relating to Masonry in Mexico, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report thereon :

"It appears that no official communication whatever upon this subject has been addressed to the Grand Lodge of Texas, and there is nothing before us requiring any official action at this communication.

"The reorganization and unification of Masonry in Mexico a few years ago, resulting in the formation of the Gran Dieta of the United States of Mexico, and the prompt action of the Grand Lodge of Texas in recognizing the Gran Dieta and extending to it the fraternal hand by the ratification, in 1891, of 'The Treaty of Monterey,' was calculated to call forth some discussion in Masonic circles, and we find that many of the Committees of Correspondence have spoken approvingly of our action, and we doubt not that in due time the Gran Dieta will be generally recognized as the governing Masonic body in Mexico. There are, however, some who have taken exception to and criticised our action, but their strongest objections lie in their opposition to the recognition of Scottish Rite Masonry by Grand Lodges of the York Rite. This is not an open question in Texas, as we have had for many years a standing resolution recognizing the Scottish Rite, and there is no valid reason, in the opinion of your committee, for reversing our action.

"The severest criticisms of Mexican Masonry emanate from one who claimed to be and doubtless was the Worshipful Master of Toltec Lodge, No 520, at the City of Mexico, including the documents mentioned by the Grand Master. Toltec Lodge was chartered in

1882 by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, with the consent of the then existing Grand Bodies of Mexican Masonry, and was composed in the main of Americans residing in Mexico. From facts in possession of your committee we are fully warranted in saying that these criticisms were not inspired so much by a zeal for Masonry as by a desire to retain the charter of their Lodge and the prestige of their position as the only Masonic Lodge in Mexico with an American charter. All of these criticisms have been ably met and fully answered by the Gran Dieta, and the regularity of the work of the Mexican Lodges is also fully attested by well informed brethren of this jurisdiction who have recently visited the City of Mexico.

' We would not be understood as intending in this report to dignify with any attempted reply the various pamphlets, letters, circulars etc., emanating from the above mentioned individual, and which have been scattered broadcast over the land, for we regard these publications as the natural result of chargin on the part of their author, and so being, we do not believe they can properly come before this Grand Lodge for notice, and they are only referred to here (and by our Grand Master, we assume), because they have been very generally circulated among the American Grand Lodges, and have, we think, been accorded more notice than they deserved.

"Having recognized the Gran Dieta, and now holding fraternal correspondence with that Grand Body, the Grand Lodge of Texas does not propose to take notice of strictures upon itself and upon the Gran Dieta by individual Masons or individual Lodges, especially when such strictures are couched in terms, to say the very least, too discourteous for Masonic discussion, and more especially so *since these strictures are not warranted by the facts.*

"At its recent annual Communication the Grand Lodge of Missouri instructed its Grand Master to take proper steps to withdraw the charter of Toltec Lodge, No. 520, and this prompt, very proper and eminently Masonic act of the Grand Lodge of Missouri will doubtless end all disputes in this matter, and leave Mexican Masonry in the full and indisputable control of its own affairs, and the Grand Lodge of Texas heartily approves this action of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and extends to the Gran Dieta of Mexico most cordial greetings and fraternal congratulations thereupon."

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews presented his eighth report on Correspondence. It covers 137 pages, and is an excellent compilation. We regret that he did not receive the Proceedings of Canada.

B. F. Frymier (Houston), G. M.

W. F. Swain (Houston), G. S.

UTAH.

23rd Communication, Provo, January 16, 1894.

Albion B. Emery, G. M.

On the state of the Craft the Grand Master says:

"During the past year Freemasonry in Utah, in common with other institutions, has suffered from the universal and almost unprecedented stringency in financial matters. We, in Utah, all agree upon the cause of this unusual condition as being the persistent and unrelenting determination among the people in eastern portions of

our country to ignore the importance of the great west as a factor in the prosperity of the United States. We are compelled to recognize the situation as it exists, and to meet its distressing effects as best we may; hoping always, that in the near future the darkness which now overshadows us will be removed and the intelligence of the people will assert itself and bring the return of the prosperity so much desired. * * *

"It is a well known fact that Freemasonry runs parallel with the prosperity of the country in which it exists, and as we have experienced during the past year more of a stagnation in business than ever before, our membership has not as rapidly increased as we anticipated when last we parted. But aside from this it is a great pleasure for me to be able to report to you that all our lodges are in a prosperous condition. Peace and harmony prevail among the members of each lodge and among all the lodges. They have been zealous in their work, and the manner in which the several degrees have been conferred is beyond praise. They practiced the social features of Masonry with the best results, and any worthy claim for relief has met with cheerful response.

They have eight lodges and 668 members, a gain of 45.

It was decided that it is not the duty of a lodge to defray the funeral expenses of a deceased brother except as an act of Masonic charity, and the Grand Master is explicit in declaring that where a deceased brother has left an estate "up in the thousands" his lodge is in no way bound to pay the funeral expenses. Quite correct.

A motion to rescind the payment of per diem and mileage allowances was unanimously adopted.

A brother who objects to the advancement of an E. A. or F. C. must prefer charges against such candidate at the next regular meeting of the lodge, otherwise his objection will be considered as waived.

Through the liberality of Grand Master Emery, the Grand Secretary was enabled to attend the Masonic Congress at Chicago, and he gives a very good account of the proceedings thereat.

Bro. Emery, in retiring from the chair, presented his successor with a valuable and beautiful signet ring, with the following injunctions:

"M. W. Brother, this ring which I present to you on this august occasion, is to be used as the Grand Master's private seal during his official term and is to be by him transmitted to his successor while the Grand Lodge of Utah endures, which, we all hope, will be until the great luminary of creation ceases to send forth upon this globe of ours light and life. May this ring in its course of transmission be always worn by true and worthy Brethren, by Brethren who have the good of the Craft at heart, and who value the great honor conferred upon them by the Masonic Fraternity in Utah. May there ever reside in this ring a magic power that makes its wearer loved, 'pleasing to God and man.' If this wish be realized then the object I have in view in presenting to you, and through you

to the Grand Lodge of Utah, this ring is obtained. Accept it from me, my Brother, and let us hope that in the far distant future it will be a precious nucleus of hallowed associations and memories.

"The ring is 18 carat gold, Belchior mounting, gray and dark onyx top, upon which is engraved in a scroll, 'Grand Master of Utah' The significant 'Lion's Paw' is underneath the inscription. The following deeply engraved words are on the inside of the ring: 'Presented to the Grand Lodge of Utah by A. B. Emery, Grand Master, 1893.'"

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1893. In his notice of Pennsylvania we find the following reply to Bro. Vaux, and we are glad to hear him say so:

"We found last year in Bro. Vaux's Missouri review the following: 'Free Masonry has nothing to do with the moral, intellectual and material progress that pertains to the welfare of the human race,' etc., to which we replied: 'Because Freemasonry is the most sublime of all human associations it is the duty of all its adherents, individually and collectively, to lead the procession of the human race in its moral, intellectual and material progress,' and for this we receive a curtain lecture. But we are free to confess that his lecture has not changed our opinion the least bit. We stand to-day where we stood last year, and where Bro. Vaux can find us at any hour of the day and night.

"Now, we have read Bro. Vaux's present report very carefully; we have read it twice, and to say that we have enjoyed it and gathered information from it does not by half express our verdict, but we have been, and that he pays no attention to the demands made upon the Fraternity in these latter days. He has never been West. Had he ever travelled in our Western country with a blanket on his back, a miner's pick or his staff, and a frying pan strapped on his side he would sing a different tune. He would then have experienced the real workings of Freemasonry, and admit that it was something genuine and a civilizer in every respect. Judging from his reports (and we have read many of them), we actually believe that Bro. Vaux should see the 'sign given or hear the words spoken,' he would first ask the Brother giving it: 'Where were you made a Mason?' While any Mason in this part of the country would jump down a hundred feet high precipice to assist the needy Brother, be he white, black or copper colored, without asking any questions. To us the practice of the teachings of Masonry makes it a power in the land and not its antiquity. The principles of Masonry, dear Bro. Vaux, existed already among the cave dwellers; they were taught at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and they were proclaimed when the Sermon on the Mount was preached, but that does not establish the fact that these men worked in speculative Masonry and that their laws must be our laws."

Arvis S. Chapman (Salt Lake City), G. M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

100th Communication, Burlington, June 14th, 1893.

Delos M. Bacon, G. M.

An amendment to the Constitution, to make Past District Deputy Grand Masters permanent members of the Grand Lodge was voted on as "important to be considered," and it will come up for action at the next meeting.

A special committee was appointed to co-operate with like committees from other bodies in securing a suitable Masonic Temple for the Masons of Vermont.

The past year has been a prosperous one in this jurisdiction, having had 397 initiations and the present membership is 9,411.

The Centennial of the organization of the Grand Lodge is to be celebrated with appropriate ceremonies.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins again reports on Correspondence, and in his notice of our Proceedings for 1892 he has the following complimentary remarks :

"The address of the Grand Master is an excellent report of an enthusiastic, stirring, and, in some respects, remarkable stewardship. During the two years of his administration, he reports visiting every lodge once, and many twice, of the 348 on the register of this Grand Jurisdiction, making 131 visits in 1890-91, and 232 in 1891-92; in all 363 visits, covering about 23,000 miles of travel and ten months of actual time occupied in the work. He was thus brought face to face with fully two-thirds of the entire Craft in Canada, to whom he sought to give words of encouragement and instruction on every occasion. There is no question but this labor of love will prove of inestimable value to the institution of Freemasonry within the jurisdiction, and that in years to come his Brethren will be better able to measure the value of his unselfish efforts in their behalf."

John H. Whipple (Manchester Center), G. M.

Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G. S.

VIRGINIA.

116th Communication, Richmond, Dec. 5, 1893.

William H. Pleasants, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft, the Grand Master says :

"The past year has been, as you all know, one of great pecuniary embarrassment and financial stringency throughout the whole land. Notwithstanding these unfavorable circumstances, Masonic work has generally been active in this jurisdiction. I have not received specific information upon this point from every quarter of the State, but I know from personal observation in some cases, and trustworthy information in others, that even in the general stagnation of business, there has been, in many quarters, unusual activity in Masonic work. I have reason, therefore, to expect that, notwithstanding the business depression and the annual loss by death and dismission, our reports will show no loss in our own borders, and our relations with our sister Grand Jurisdictions continue to be of the most friendly character. That our inward and outward relations are thus peaceful and friendly must be to us all a just cause of sincere thankfulness;

and our ardent hope is that this happy condition may continue always."

Four new lodges were formed.

The following resolution was adopted :

" *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of your committee, it is highly improper for any member or visitor to disclose to the world any matter of work or business that may occur in his hearing or presence in a Subordinate Lodge, and your committee recommend that all Subordinate Lodges embody this principle in their By-laws."

In the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address we are pleased to find the following paragraph complimentary of their able and efficient Grand Secretary, who has nearly completed fifty years of service :

" On this the fiftieth anniversary of the continuous services of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, either as deputy or principal, it is a duty, a pleasure, and a privilege to call especial attention to that extraordinary and perhaps unexampled fact. Strong and robust in appearance, with a vigor of intellect unimpaired by the flight of time, with that charming courtesy of manner which has ever distinguished him, still as bright as when his sun was in its zenith, he seems to have discovered the fabled spring of perpetual youth and beauty sought by Ponce de Leon among the savannahs of our flowery land of Florida. Among the strangest of strange things, he succeeded his venerable and venerated predecessor, Worshipful Master John Dove, in office, who, at the time of his death, was the oldest Grand Secretary in the entire Masonic world. That in God's providence he may achieve a like honored distinction is the fervent aspiration of this Committee and the prayer of every Mason in Virginia."

Bro. Isaacs was further honored by the adoption of the following :

" *Resolved*, That Right Worshipful Brother Wm. B. Isaacs be requested to sit for a life-size portrait—crayon or otherwise, as he shall elect—which the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge is hereby directed to pay for, and have framed when completed and hung in the office of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge."

They have 250 lodges and 12,000 members, a gain of 576.

Mann Page (Brandon), G. M.

William B. Isaacs (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

36th Communication, Tacoma, June 13, 1893.

Alfred A. Plummer, G. M.

Although the work of the lodges is not so great as last year, a reasonable degree of prosperity is shown throughout the jurisdiction, and no less than nine new lodges were formed.

Among the Grand representatives appointed we notice the name of R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, of Toronto, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the lamented M. W. Bro. Otto Klötz.

The Grand Orator, Bro. William H. Upton, delivered an excellent address as "A Plea for the Teaching of Masonry," in which he advocates membership in the *Quatuor Coronati*, the formation of a Masonic Library in each lodge, and concludes as follows :

"Next, restore the social element in your lodge, and have no more meetings at which 'nothing was done.' Do this by having some kind of Masonic instruction, with music, if possible, and a bite to eat, at every meeting which is not occupied by work. Of course, you will stir up opposition. Brethren will denounce you as 'a violator of the landmarks.' Masons will declare that you have no right to use lodge funds to buy refreshments. But let not ignorance dismay you. Let them appeal to the Grand Lodge, if they refuse to be enlightened otherwise, and we will pile up Masonic precedents for you higher than the M. W. Grand Master's head; for most of the lodges in Europe, and hundreds in America, usually have a banquet at every regular meeting. But let Masonic instruction be the chief purpose of these meetings. Let Masonic problems be discussed by appointed brethren. Let well informed Masons, educated or uneducated, deliver written or oral addresses on any Masonic subject; or, when such addresses cannot be secured, let something be read from a Masonic book. The old 'Charges of a Freemason,' or an extract from Preston or Hutchinson, will be new to many, and interesting to all. It will surprise you what interest will be taken in these meetings. They are but a return to the ancient practice. Masonry was taught by symbols, because these appeal to the eye, and Masons will always respond if you appeal to their senses, especially to seeing, hearing or tasting. You cannot make a horse drink, and, perhaps, you cannot make the majority of men or Masons read. But universal experience shows that they will listen. Every Mason has an attentive ear. Supply the instructive tongue, and you will find them quick and eager to learn. We have tried this during the last year in the lodge to which I have the pleasure of belonging, and its success is so great, and its benefits so marked, that I do not hesitate to say that were I to be Master during the next year (as I shall *not* be), I should make it a feature second in prominence not even to degree work. Interest is awakened, knowledge of the deep meaning of our mystery is imparted, appreciation of the design of our institution is engendered, Masonic light is diffused, Lodge meetings become attractive, and dormant members awaken and join in our labors."

Bro. Thomas H. Reed again reports on Correspondence and in his review of Canada for 1892, he says :

"At the annual communication, Grand Master Robertson delivered a very able and instructive address, covering eighteen small type pages. We could not, except at the expense of too much time and labor, attempt any intelligent and comprehensive epitome of this excellent address; it is replete, practical and lucid in matter and expression.

"In the rounding up of his two year's service, he reports having visited every Lodge, and many twice, of the 348 in the jurisdiction, making in all 362 visits, occupying ten months of actual time, and travelling about twenty-three thousand miles. We venture the assertion that this service and devotion of time and zeal has never been exceeded by any Grand Master."

Bro. Reed is correct in his opinion that the right of visitation is only a privilege that every Mason in good standing can claim subject to the will and pleasure of the lodge, and that the first duty of every Master is to conserve the harmony of his lodge.

Edward R. Hare (Tacoma), G. M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

29th Communication, Wheeling, Nov. 14, 1893.

George Davis, G. M.

The jurisdiction has been fairly prosperous, although the financial depression has had a noticeable effect in some districts. Four new lodges were formed. There are 99 lodges making returns and 5,004 members, a gain of 281.

The following was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Jurisdiction of each subordinate Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction extends to a point equi-distant from its neighboring Lodges in an air line, and no subordinate Lodge has a right to enter into an agreement which violates this Edict."

The Grand Secretary presented an extensive report on Correspondence, covering over 200 pages. It is dated January 1st, 1894, and he regrets that they have not received the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1893.

Alex. M. Evans (Middleway), G. M.

Geo W. Atkinson (Wheeling), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

49th Communication, Milwaukee, June 13, 1893:

Fred. Ring, G. M.

During the year 1892 there were 1,026 initiations and 918 raised, the net increase in membership being 669. Total membership, 14,988. Four new lodges were formed, making the total number of lodges 225.

The following were adopted unanimously :

"Section 4 of Article II. of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 4. Term of Office—Trustees to hold for three years. The Grand Lecturer during the pleasure of the Grand Master. The Grand Secretary's term to expire at 12 o'clock noon on the day next succeeding the day of the close of a stated communication * * *

"The Grand Treasurer shall not receive or pay out any moneys between 12 o'clock noon on the day before the stated communication and the installation and qualification of his successor, all moneys and property in his possession or under his control."

Bro. Duncan McGregor again reports on Correspondence in

his usual able manner. Our Proceedings do not appear to have been received.

William C. Swain (Milwaukee), G. M.

John W. Laflin (Milwaukee), G. S.

We happened to be in Milwaukee for about ten days last fall and can bear personal testimony to the large-heartedness and brotherly affection of the Brethren of that fair city. To Bro. Swain we are especially indebted for very numerous and kindly attentions, which will dwell in our memory while memory lasts. We were also pleased to make the acquaintance of Bro. Laflin and Bro. Youngs. It was also a particular gratification to renew our friendship with R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, an old and valued member of our Grand Lodge, and who was the D. D. G. M. of the Huron District for several years. Bro. Kahn was much interested in hearing about all his old friends in the Grand Lodge of Canada.

WYOMING.

19th Communication, Laramie, Dec. 5, 1893.

Ed. F. Stahle, D. G. M. acting G. M.

Owing to death having invaded the household and sickness of other members of the family of the Grand Master, John C. Davis, it was impossible for him to be present.

His address was read by the Deputy Grand Master. He reports that although they have passed through a money stringency nearly unparalleled in the world's history, all the subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction are, generally speaking, on a good, sound financial basis and in a prosperous condition. Two new lodges were formed.

They have 16 lodges and 882 members, a gain of 100.

The following report was adopted :

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the requests for recognition from the following Grand Lodges, to wit :

The Grand Lodge of Victoria,
The Grand Lodge of Mexico,
The Grand Lodge of New Zealand,
The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory,
The Grand Lodge of Brazil,

respectfully report that we have examined the correspondence submitted to us upon this subject and recommend the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and the Grand Lodge of Victoria. Owing to the distracted condition of Free Masonry in New Zealand and the conflicting claims of jurisdiction among themselves, your committee declines to recommend the recognition of this Grand Lodge until they shall have settled their conflicting claims.

"Concerning the Grand Lodges of Mexico and Brazil, all communications and information in relation thereto being in the Spanish

language, your committee is unable to form an intelligent idea of the situation and cannot recommend their recognition."

A revised Constitution was adopted.

From the very excellent report on Correspondence of Bro. William L. Kuykendall we make the following extracts :

"Many jurisdictions permit the resignation of officers, which, in our opinion, is correct and should be the rule everywhere. Have never heard but one objection advanced which is: 'That officers obligate themselves to perform their duty during their term.' Well, they don't do it, if they remove permanently from the state or so far away that they cannot do so, and should they die or become incompetent that settles the question of performance; others seldom ever perform their duty as obligated, even when they are in easy reach of their lodge. We believe in forcing the latter to resign or oust them. We believe the laborer is worthy of his hire, but he should be in a position to and should perform such labor or be refused his wages, *i. e.*, his office. * * *

"The Grand Master in his address incorporates a letter from Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, giving notice of a discontinuance of the Grand Representative system in that state for the reason that it has in no instance been productive of any good. On the contrary, great and serious evils have resulted therefrom.

"We believe said system never should have been adopted, and should be classed with the so-called Past Master's degree as entirely superfluous, and that both should be relegated to the ash barrel of of Masonry until they are bleached out of existence. * * *

"We have always held that such inherent or divine rights did not exist under color of any landmark and that the old regulations could set aside by any Grand Lodge. Many so-called landmarks have been manufactured out of whole cloth and hundreds of others claimed as such never had the least foundation, except in the mind of the Mason interested, either affirmatively or negatively. We have never met with any quotation of unchangeable law, or any real landmark granting such inherent rights or prerogatives. This is singular and very queer. * * *

"Our brother either loses sight of the point we present, that a Mason who dimits should after one or two years be deprived of all rights and privileges except that of affiliation, or he clings to the doctrine that a dimitted Mason should continue to exercise about all the rights of a member whilst escaping all the burdens. We by no means oppose non-affiliates. Many are no doubt good men and true, but when a man dimits and severs his active connection with Masonry, there should be no kick anywhere if the latter entirely severs its connection with him. We do not believe in the doctrine of being a Mason and yet not a Mason. * * *

"It strikes us that their Arkansas representative has been dead several years. This may not be considered any disqualification.

"Certainly not. We know of one or two representing three or four Grand Lodges, enough to make them stoop shouldered if there were any duties to perform when in the flesh, that have crossed the range many years ago, and others who long since became non-residents. Neither death, non-residence, suspension or expulsion is any disqualification for holding down a commission in this greatest of all humbugs.

"The Grand Master made a Mason at sight, as he says, 'by virtue of my prerogative.' Nothing is said about the no doubt worthy gentleman having petitioned any lodge as a candidate, or about his having been elected to receive the degrees. We find nothing showing in what lodge he became a member, when so made, nor why one of two lodges could not have elected and conferred the degrees upon him as probably required by law, when they were both very anxious to make him an honorary member. Several Grand Lodges have absolutely abolished the so-called prerogative. If such power lawfully existed, simply under the claim of prerogative, it seems it was confined solely to the making a man a Mason, and not to passing or raising. In other matters our Buckeye friends have what they term the Ohio way of doing things, and habit having become second nature it may be that our fraters must have some one raised at sight to the sublime degree now and then, to keep up with the general procession of Ohio ideas. From the Grand Master's seeming apologetic account of the affair, we believe if there is any valid excuse for such action the subject thereof was worthy in every respect. With the kindest and most fraternal feeling for the Grand Master and our Ohio brethren, we trust the time has arrived, or is near at hand when every Grand Master will, whether he believes he is endowed with such claimed prerogative or not, refuse in every case to exercise it. * * *

"Our brother was slightly opposed to the Fraternal Congress and puts us in the "progressive young American" school of Masons—probably at the foot of the class. Will accept the position, by saying that the Congress has come, tarried a few days and gone without any dire calamity overtaking our institution through the evil designs of either the "progressives" or "old fogies," as our brother, and not this writer, puts the distinction. We have no fears that Masonry will go to pieces if our pet ideas are not adopted and are sat upon, or that it will suffer if some things we believe in are wiped out of existence. We do not believe in going back to the pre-historic age and borrowing a stone axe to use when fine new steel ones are to be had.

"Our brother is surprised at our endorsement of Bro. Common's position against allowing a member of one lodge to gallop around and vote in other lodges on applications for initiation or advancement. He then gives an example of a real nice goody-good moral Mason who alone knows a *bad* man from afar off when he sees him; while all the members of the lodge in which the application lies may or may not be able to smell out a bad man, although knowing him for years. We believe the following example will obtain under such a rule in many more cases than in the one cited by our brother, namely: A member has a dispute with a profane over business or other matters in which he may be the transgressor or equally to blame; hears the latter has applied for initiation in a lodge other than his own; attends with his scalping knife secreted. Result, a *bad* man, from his standpoint alone, scalped in a lodge that he cannot even visit if a member objects. Space forbids the citation of several other, as Bro. Commons well says, "vicious" examples, the outgrowth of such a system or rule. No, my esteemed brother, when Masons all become saints the example you cite might do to apply. Until then we claim that no member has any business, or should be allowed, to vote in lodge other than his own.

"With all this we agree on many points, and no doubt would on others if our brother did not see an innovation wolf upon every hill

when there is no wolf, or at least none within our vision, seeking to destroy any real essential of Masonry."

Ed. F. Stahle (Cheyenne), G. M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

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Colorado.....	1893	New South Wales.....	1893
Connecticut.....	1894	New York.....	1893
Delaware.....	1893	New Zealand.....	1893
District of Columbia...	1893	North Carolina.....	1893
Florida.....	1894	North Dakota.....	1893
Georgia.....	1893	Nova Scotia.....	1893
Idaho.....	1893	Ohio.....	1893
Illinois	1893	Oregon.....	1893
Indiana	1893	Pennsylvania.....	1893
Indian Territory	1893	Prince Edward Island..	1893
Iowa.....	1893	Quebec.....	1894
Kansas.....	1894	Rhode Island.....	1893
Kentucky.....	1893	South Australia.....	1893
Louisiana.....	1894	South Carolina.....	1893
Maine	1893	South Dakota.....	1893
Manitoba.....	1893	Tennessee.....	1894
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Minnesota	1894	Virginia.....	1893
Mississippi	1894	Washington	1893
Missouri.....	1893	West Virginia.....	1893
Montana	1893	Wisconsin	1893
Nebraska.....	1893	Wyoming	1893

The only Proceedings not received are those of Oklahoma for 1894.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, June 1st, 1894.



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